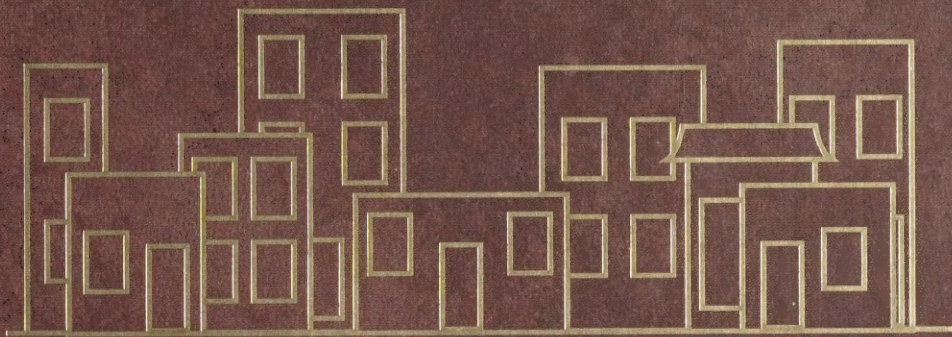


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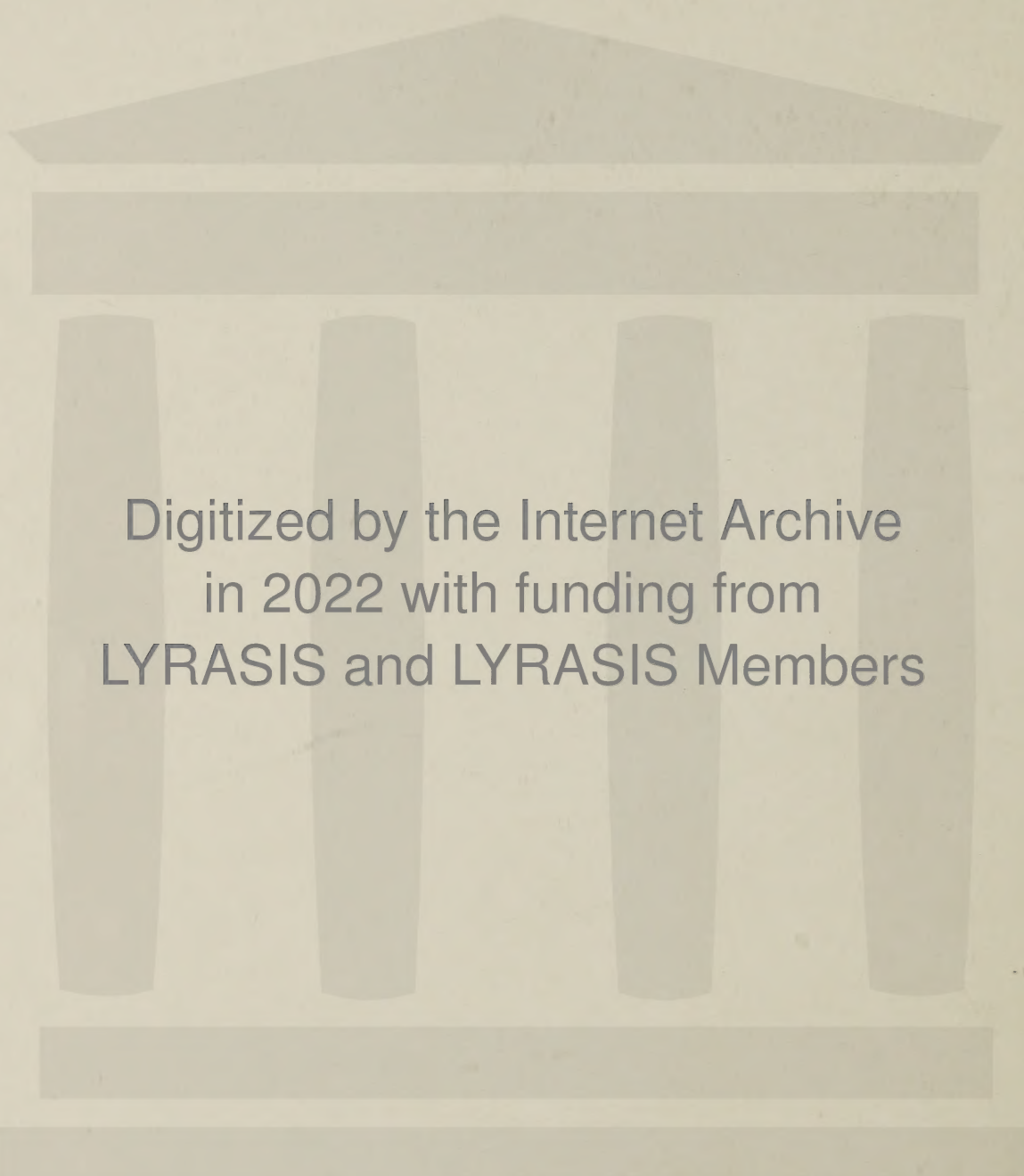
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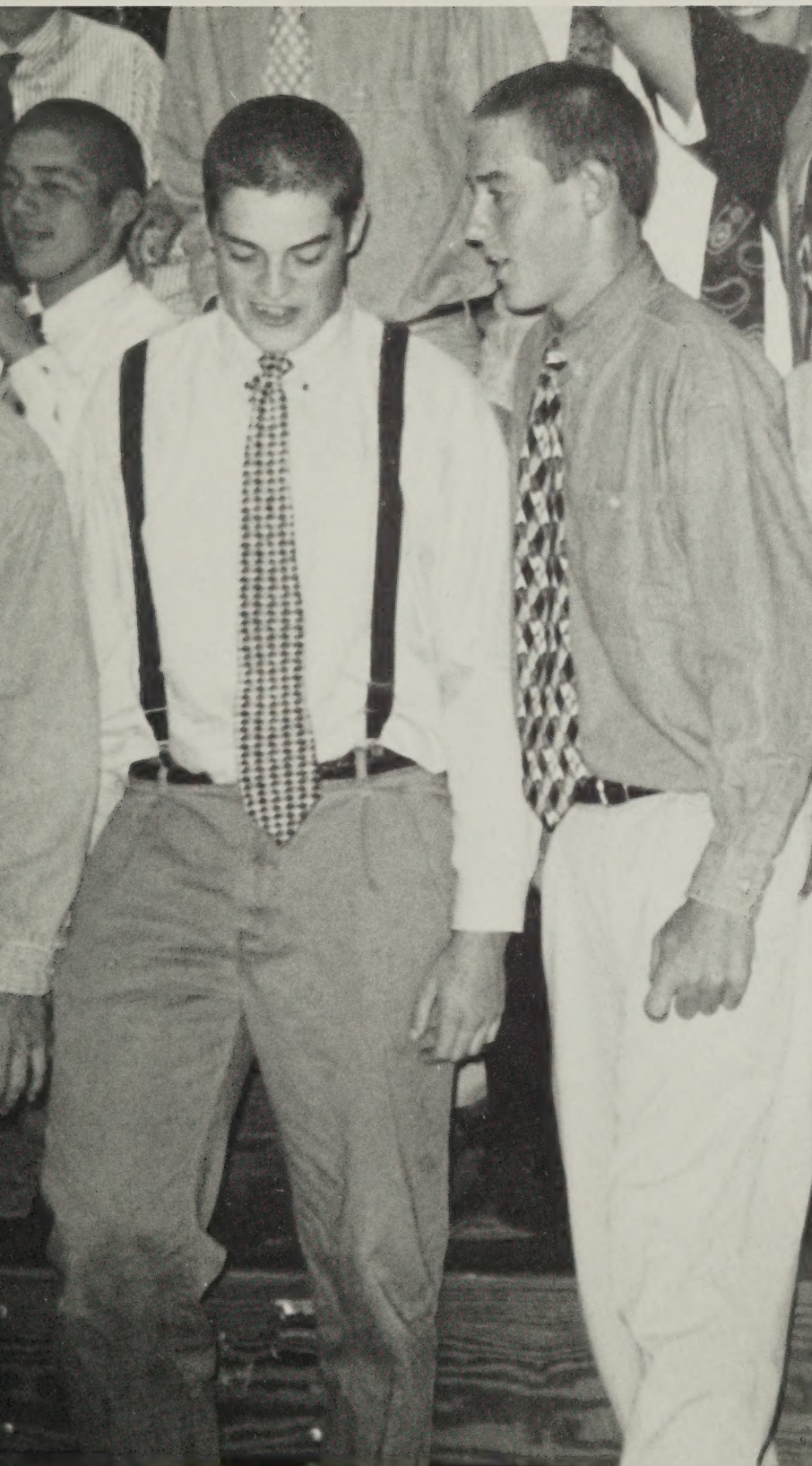
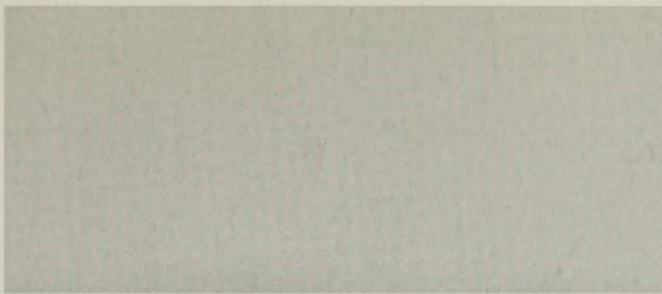
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Talking about the upcoming football game, junior Tyler Evans and senior Albert Bowden stand with the other players during the first pep rally of the year. Although the team lost its first home game against Northampton 36-14, they still had their best season in five years. With a record of 5-5, the Islanders became the
TALK OF THE TOWN.

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Behind the field house at the middle school, SCA representative J.B. Richardson puts the final touches on the float. Students got together the first three nights of Spirit Week to prepare their

floats for the Homecoming parade. Based on the theme of countries and cultures, the freshman class chose Ireland, the sophomores Australia, the juniors chose a trip around the world and the seniors chose Spain.

TALKING IT UP

by Beth Ann Thomas

*Start of
school
brings
action,
life,
change to
town*

If starting school is dreaded because of the following 180 days of agony, pain, and suffering, then what is everyone excitedly talking about?

As the halls filled up, the sports teams practiced, the clubs met, and students' daily lives became the TALK OF THE TOWN.

After three months of little action and hardly any excitement, Poquoson was ready for some type of entertainment. "Poquoson is usually dead, but when school starts, it seems to come alive. It's almost like the whole city revolves around the high school," junior Kathleen Kreiger said.

The small town syndrome of everyone knowing everyone else was evident. "One thing I noticed when I came here was how much everyone gossips. I think it's because of the small size of Poquoson," said senior David Theobald, who was an exchange student from Germany.

No matter how hard students tried to avoid it, it was inevitable. Whether they wanted to be or not, students were the TALK OF THE TOWN.

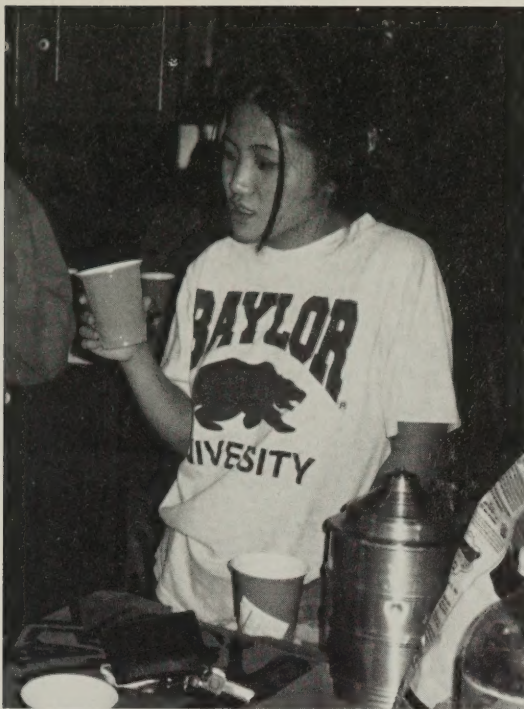




Dressed up like hicks, freshman Jon Pauls and junior Michelle Harrell dance in the crowded commons. Sadie Hawkins was the first dance of the year and the females asked the males. They wore straw hats, overalls, and flannel shirts to illustrate the theme.

Halloween was a time for students to dress up and goof off. Junior Jon Hill wears Crime Dog McGruff's coat at a Halloween party. Although Jon was too old to go trick-or-treating, he still got his share of candy at the Halloween party.





Staying up late for a study session, senior Sunny Claussen talks to a friend. Students got together at night to work on group projects or just review class assignments. Sunny and her friends decided to order pizza so they could snack while they worked.

Night on the Town

Conversations lead to catching up, hearing news

It's Saturday night and you are wearing your favorite outfit. As you walk towards your friend's car, you trip and fall into a big mud puddle. What could be worse? Everyone knows about your clumsy spill, and on Monday people are still making fun of you.

Students sometimes disliked how much everyone talked about their out-of-school activities. "I hate it when something happens on the weekend, and on Monday, my friends are still talking about it. It's like there is nothing better to do," freshman John Pauls said.

Despite the fact that everyone talked about what happened out of school, students also found that this had a positive effect. "One time I was out of town when my friends had planned something to do. When I came back I didn't feel left out of it because everyone filled me in on what had happened," junior Nina Richardson said.

No matter what students did, everyone knew about their **Night on the Town**.

SUN SCORCHES

After surviving a long school year, students had a chance to take a break from homework, science fair, research papers, practices, and teachers. For about three short months, they relaxed, got some sun, traveled, or earned some cash. For seniors, there was college to prepare for, jobs to land. Whether summer days were spent working, on the beach, in exotic lands, or just being with friends and family, students and faculty agreed that summer was a welcome interruption from school.

SUNNY CLAUSSEN

"I went to Finland and Estonia for 4 weeks. While there I explored Helsinki, the capitol of Finland, every day, going to pool halls and discotheques. The girls were beautiful and everyone was retro. It was fun meeting so many new people. Everyone assumed I was in my early twenties, which was flattering."

Mark Avallone 12

"Over the summer I worked as a lifeguard, but I got a chance to visit a friend in Texas I hadn't seen since sixth grade."

Emily Shepard 12

"I spent the whole summer work-

ing for my dad, with the exception of one week in Nags Head. The whole summer seemed like a waste because I worked so much. At least I made a little bit of money!"

April Butler 12

"I spent the whole summer sitting on my butt. I did nothing but sleep."

Crystal West 11

"All summer I was either at Nags Head surfing and skim boarding or I was on the golf course working on my swing. But as the summer came to an end, I was on the golf team, which took up most of my time. We started to gain a huge district lead."

J.B. Richardson 9

"I went to the Olympics and saw many hot athletes. We were on a mission trip to inner-city Atlanta, but we got to see an Olympic baseball game. One of the Australian batboys gave me an official ball!"

Tracie VanHeeswyk 10

"In July I went to Massachusetts to visit family. It was a lot of fun because I never get to see them, and two of my cousins had kids so I got to babysit. The rest of the summer I mainly worked. It was all right since I worked during the day so I could do stuff at night."

Tracy Morse 12



AFTER PARTICIPATING IN A re-enactment, senior Melissa Moore leaves the "Back to the Future" machine at Universal Studios, California. "It was our last family trip before graduation. We spent the first three days in San Diego and then went to Los Angeles for the rest. We also went to Sea World and the beaches," Melissa said.

WORKING AT FORT MONROE'S Bay Breeze Pool and Beach, senior Becky David and friend Eric Lawson look over the bay. "One day a three year old girl found her way into the pool. I saw her out of the corner of my eye, and I jumped into the pool to save this little girl. I will never forget the way she was looking at me under water," Becky said.





The Vacation You Went On . . .

♦Boston (Ryan Hunter 11) ♦Rhode Island (Amy Sutherland 11) ♦Pennsylvania (John Morgan 9) ♦Olympics (Amanda Robertson 12) ♦England (Lauren Cochet 9) ♦Florida (Christie Smith 11) ♦New York (Samiat Brown 11) ♦Maryland (Scott Howell 10) ♦France (Angela Taliaferro) ♦Connecticut (Stephanie Skinner 10)

AT SEA WORLD IN FLORIDA,

senior Aimee Halvorson and graduate Corrigan Threlkeld take a rest and watch the birds. Aimee and Corrigan spent the day watching dolphins, whales, and manatees. "I've been to Florida the last couple of years and I love it. I always have to go to Sea World because I love animals," Aimee said.

ON VACATION IN NAGS HEAD,

junior Nicole Feldl and friend Mandy Bowler relax in the sun. Students spent a lot of time at beaches in the summer. "We were staying there the week that Hurricane Bertha hit. It was weird to see the water rising to the steps and the lawn chairs moving around on the deck because of the wind," Nicole said.

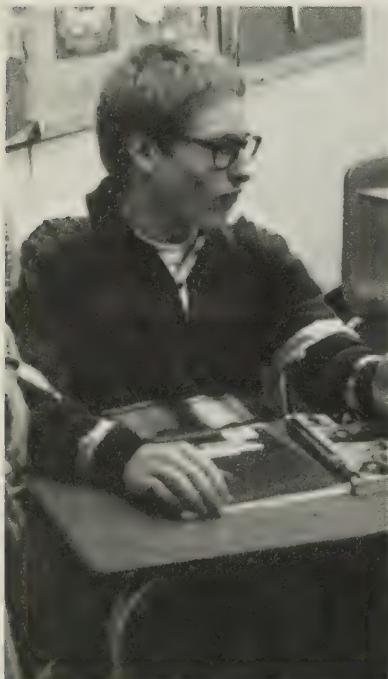


The Place You Moved From . . .

♦Matthews (Ryan Hudgins 9) ♦Maryland (Adam Schweitzer 11) ♦Nebraska (David Spivey 12) ♦Lubbock, Texas (Adam Dorrance 12) ♦New York (Samiat Brown 11) ♦Japan (Amy Hultman 12) ♦Idaho (Raychel Evans 10) ♦Arizona (Becky Marlowe 11) ♦Japan (Ruth Ann Hultman 10) ♦California (David Layton 11)

DURING B LUNCH, JUNIOR ADAM

Schweitzer sits at a table in the commons. Not all students moved in at the beginning of the school year. Adam moved to Poquoson from Maryland around the start of second semester, but before mid-term exams. He waited until second semester began to really get into his classes.



TURNING TO MAKE A POINT,

senior David Theobald talks with other students in his AP French/French V class. David was an exchange student from Mainz, Germany. He spoke four languages and took Spanish and English, as well as French. After he completed his senior year in Poquoson he still had to go back to Germany for another year of high school.

REACHING ACROSS THE TABLE

and across freshman Mark Marconi, junior Liz Render attempts to steal some food. Freshmen were the largest group of new students to the school. Like new students from other towns, freshmen also had to adapt to a different school with different people in it.





STOPPING AT A TABLE IN THE commons before fifth hour, junior Becky Marlowe waits for one of her friends. Becky attended school in Arizona and arrived in Poquoson during the summer. Students spent the five minutes between classes talking with other students, and the new students were no exception. Because fifth hour came right after lunch, the time to talk was often longer.

IN THE HALLS BEFORE LUNCH, new student junior Samiat Brown buys Reese's Pieces from junior Sara Johnson who is selling the candy as a fund-raiser for Key Club. Juniors Kevin Batchelder, Courtney Judd, and Jennifer Kennedy also waited to buy candy. After the first weeks at a new school, students adjusted to the routine and made friends.



FACES CHANGE

New home, new town, new school, new teachers, new classes, new friends - new students. When the first day of school arrived, students noticed new faces in the halls. New students came from different places and for different reasons, such as to move in with a different parent or to go to the next military base. With all the new things, they left old things behind- their old home, town, school, teachers, classes, and friends. They had to get adjusted to living in a different city, state, or even country.

NICOLE FELDL

"I moved from Japan, and I wanted to move because most of my friends were moving too. We all had gotten to that high school when we were freshmen. All our parents were military and we all stayed there for three years. Even if I had stayed, none of my close friends would've been there, so I might as well have moved to someplace completely new. It's fun to be in the states again. There aren't any malls overseas."

Amy Hultman 12

"I used to live in Anchorage, Alaska. I decided to move in with my mom, and she lives here. Poquoson's fairly quiet, but it's

near a lot of stuff so there's plenty to do. I don't like the cops here, but I've met some really nice people, and I've been fitting in just fine. The biggest difference between here and where I used to live is in temperature. I'm not used to the humidity. Also, the school that I went to was a lot bigger, but I'm glad I moved here."

Scott Howell 10

"I came from Texas- my dad's in the military. I like how Poquoson's a small town so it's easier to get to know people. The other school I went to was bigger. It had about 1,200 or 1,300 students. The curriculums are also somewhat different. My Spanish class is more advanced and the math is taught differently, but it's basically the books. Also, when I figured out that we ate lunch where our lockers

were, I thought it was weird."

Adam Dorrance 12

"My parents made me move here from Mathews County, where I used to live. It's hard to make friends here because of the cliques, but my old school was the same way since we all grew up together. I like the lunches here, and classes are easier. It was hard getting readjusted to the classes, though, especially since I moved to Poquoson last year, then moved back to Mathews, and now I'm back here again. I still miss Mathews."

Brian Freeman 11



The Booth You Worked At . . .

- ♦Funnel Cakes (Amy Richardson 11)
- ♦Goldfish (Jackie Wingfield 9) ♦Pizza (Marc McGarry 11) ♦Lemonade (Alexis Ross 11)
- ♦Funnel Cakes (Katie Martin 11) ♦Football Throw (Tommy Crittenden 11) ♦Surveying (Andrew Shtulman 12) ♦Pizza (Amy Fairchild 9) ♦Dunk Booth (Kristi Geppert 11) ♦Parking (Tracie VanHeeswyk 10)

THE SECOND DAY OF THE

seafood Festival, juniors Pedro Garcia and Cory Groseth relax in the shade. "I was at the festival every day. I helped the cheerleaders in their dunk booth, directed traffic, and worked the football booth. I also got time to talk to people that I wanted to get to know better," Pedro said.

THE JUNIOR CLASS SOLD

lemonade and funnel cakes to raise money for Prom, Ring Dance, and other upcoming class events. Junior Stacey Davenport squeezes the lemons for fresh lemonade. The juniors signed up for time slots for the festival and got a chance to have fun together while earning money for their class.



FOOD BECKONS

As you get out of your car, you can already smell fried foods and funnel cakes. Country music floats over the trees into the parking lot, and you see the lights of craft booths begin to illuminate the woods. There's only one thing it could be: the Seafood Festival on September 20-22. Families and friends from all over the Peninsula gathered at Pogooson Municipal Park for the twelfth annual Seafood Festival. Students went to work, to eat, and to visit with old friends.

SARAH DEWEY

"I went with my whole family. We go every year even if it's just for dinner. It's like an unsaid rule in our family. We have to have at least one meal there."

Judd Compton 11

"I worked at the goldfish booth for color guard. It was actually a lot of fun. When somebody won one, I had to catch it with my bare hands. They were really slimy."

Jackie Ernzen 9

"I went with a few of my friends. The guys who worked in the Spuds booth tried to pick us up. They asked me for my phone

number. It wasn't too embarrassing. they were old."

Kelly Insley 11

"I sold funnel cakes for four hours. It started off fun, but it got to be tedious. By the end of the evening, I was so sick of smelling funnel cakes that I couldn't even eat the free one they gave me. I gave it to my mother."

Kathy Fowler 11

"I met up with my friends there. One of my friends met a guy, who had a friend. We ended up getting together."

Charlotte Teague 10

"I went with about six friends of mine. When

we were at the bridge in the woods, we started teasing James Rosensteel, and he took a ketchup packet out of his pocket and squirted it at us. My other friends decided to retaliate with some mustard packets. It ended with James falling off of the bridge."

Sara Thomas 9

"It was great. I feel that it has changed for the better every year. Some year maybe there will be a band there that will play more than just country. That is the only thing that hasn't changed."

Justin Threlkeld 10



STOPPING FOR A BREAK, SENIOR

Jason Bryant takes a swig of his drink. Jason worked as a member of the ground control, moving chairs and checking out tables for the various booths. "The festival was a success, despite the occasional nagging festival-goer and the kids asking if they can talk on your walkie-talkie," Jason said.

SCA MEMBERS VOLUNTEERED

their Saturday to help with the parking at the high school for Seafood Festival. Senior Shannon Weisner and graduate Stuart Sutton, son of SCA advisor Mrs. Allison Sutton, converse while standing out in the sun. Parkers were especially useful for guests of the festival from out of town.

"YMCA" PROVED TO BE A

popular song. Seniors Colleen Bresnan and Mike Moore joined together in spite of the stifling temperatures. "The best part of the dance was dressing up like hicks. I liked this dance better than other dances because it was more relaxed and I didn't have to worry about my pantyhose," Colleen said.

THE DJ PLAYED A VARIETY OF

songs at the dance. Rap, alternative, country, techno, and slow songs filled the air, as well as the "Chicken Song." Students tried different dances at Sadie Hawkins. Sophomore Paul Keddell shows his skills with the "Chicken Dance" as sophomore Russell Taylor laughingly looks on.



BUBBAS EMERGE

You were in a crowded room with 389 hot, sweaty bodies merging on the dance floor. Heat rose as clothes were stripped off and liters of soda and gallons of water were consumed. SCA sponsored Sadie Hawkins dance and the pillow contest. Girls made pillows for their special guy and the lunch crowds judged them. The winners of the pillow contest were freshman Curtis Booth made by senior Sunny Claussen in A-lunch, and senior Mike Rodgers, made by sophomore Christy McIntyre, in B-lunch.

SUNNY CLAUSSEN

"I liked dancing with everyone, especially Sam Cowles. I didn't really see my date."

Kevin Batchelder 11

"I brought my date Kathleen flowers because I was late because I had a soccer game in Roanoke."

Ross Hudgins 9

"I really liked the fact that all the proceeds from the dance went to memorial scholarships for Tom Ogiba, Mike Green, and Boyd Bradshaw."

Jaclyn Smith 12

"Me, Ronnie, Lorri, Jamie, Allyson, and Brett all went together. Dinner at Applebee's was fun, even though we did not talk. We got to the dance and nobody was there, but after more people showed up it got better. Ronnie and I got married, which was exciting. I think the dance would have been better if it was not as hot and if the DJ would have played more slow songs."

Danielle Backus 10

"I went stag with a big group of people. It was a last-minute thing and the girls asked us to go. I had more fun going stag because I wasn't tied to one person. The DJ was good, but it got a little bit crowded."

Justin Williams 10

"I love the fact that you don't have to dress up for Sadie Hawkins. I could actually dance because I didn't have a dress restricting me."

Amanda Robertson 12

"Sadie Hawkins dance was really nuts. A big group of people ate at Christa Stutt's house. After that we all jumped in our cars and drove to the dance. The music was powerful and the dance gigs were itchin'. The dance would've been great if my date would've danced with me."

Dan Mathis 12



SADIE HAWKINS GAVE GIRLS A

chance to ask a guy of their choice to a dance. The casual atmosphere allowed students to relax more. Sophomore Jessica Mardis dances with senior Albert Bowden. "We went as friends, and we went to Fuddrucker's with a group of people. I had a great time," Jessica said.

AFTER A LONG, STRESSFUL WEEK

of school, students had a chance to unwind on Saturday. Sophomore Jamie Bundlie enjoys the dance. "Amber Normandin and I both took freshman Adam Stutt. It was fun getting dressed up like hicks and just dancing all night - although it was really hot in there," Jamie said.



The Pillow You Made or Wore . . .

♦ "Kevin B's my bud so I asked him to go as friends. These pillows are really stupid so here my poem ends." (Terri Parrish 10)

♦ "My heart just skips a beat 'cause my Jamie is so sweet" (Lorri Singleton 10)

♦ "I'd be blue without Andrew" (Andrew Stewart 9) ♦ "I'm Flyin' with Bri" (Brian Savage 12) ♦ "Me and Jer-what a pair" (Alexis Ross 11)



GALS PINNED THE GUYS WITH

pillows at school on Friday. Senior Sunny Claussen pins freshman Curtis Booth with a pillow which won the contest in A lunch. Sunny said, "My boyfriend couldn't go to the dance so I asked Curtis. I ended up making the pillow during my seventh hour that day."

CLASSES BATTLE

Spirit week, hall decorating, float building, and a football game, all in one week. Part of the Homecoming activities was Spirit Week. Students dressed up for a different theme each day, including the seniors who wore their togas on Friday. They also came in after school and during the night to help with hall decorations and the float. On Friday night, students cheered on the football team at the game against Grafton. All of this was part of Homecoming.

NICOLE FELDL

"A group of us made our togas together. It was even more special since we're not going to be together next year. We all spent the night at Christina Dominguez's house, and we slept in on Friday and then went out to IHOP for breakfast. There were about sixty people from our class there, and we all wore our togas. I forgot my money, but my friends paid for me. The pep rally was really emotional. We realized this was our last Homecoming and our last chance to do something as a class."

Shannon Weisner 12

"I helped decorate the hall for my

class because I knew my class would win, and I wanted to be part of the winning class. We actually came in second, but the seniors always win so it doesn't count. I got to sit on the lockers to put clouds up. That was the best part. Our theme was Australia and the Outback. We did all the different sceneries, like the desert and the rainforest, if they have one. The water too. We also had three-dimensional stuff."

Curie Choi 10

"For Spirit Week I dressed up on twin day. The whole field hockey team pulled our socks to our knees, and we all wore our hair in braids and wore sandals. I also helped with the float. There were only eight people when I went, which was pretty bad. The pep rally was the highlight of Homecoming for me, and seeing

the seniors in their togas."

Mary Beth Evans 11

"I really liked the hall decorating and the float building because it gave us a chance to work together. Our theme this year was A Trip Around the World. We found a job for everyone who wanted to participate, and we had a lot of creative ideas. I had to make sure that everybody was a part of the process, that no one was being left out, and that everything got done. There was a lot of laughing which made me feel like I had done a good job."

Junior class president Craig Gallaer



JOINING THE CHEERLEADERS,

seniors Aimee Rector and Carmen Daniels dance the Macarena. Seniors received the spirit stick, along with first place for hall decorating and float building. "Homecoming week and toga day was as fun as I've always thought it would be, and the pep rally was the best," said Aimee.

AT THE PEP RALLY ON FRIDAY,

senior Ronnie Singleton pins a flower on junior Stacey Stone's jersey. For the last day of Spirit Week seniors paraded around the gym in their togas, the Homecoming King was chosen, and classes competed for the spirit stick. The football players also pinned corsages on all the cheerleaders.





The Area You Helped Out In . . .

- ♦making stairs (Greg Taylor 12) ♦making 180 pinatas in my garage (Angela Taliaferro 12) ♦making nametags (Tara Starner 11)
- ♦cutting waves for the float (Katie Powell 10) ♦getting markers to color the posters (Amanda Zohn 9) ♦helping organize (Amber Normandin 10) ♦taping and hanging things up (Jesse Dunlap 10) ♦making the bull (Jason Abbott 12)

AT IHOP THE MORNING OF TOGA

Day, senior April Butler paints decorations on senior Colleen Bresnan's face. On the last day of spirit week, seniors dressed up in togas and painted their faces and bodies in maroon and gold. Before school, nearly one hundred students went to IHOP for breakfast and missed their first few classes.

LOOKING TO SENIOR ADVISOR

Mrs. Paula Bennett for approval, senior Suzi Thomas decides where to hang a pinata as senior Valerie Sledd gets it ready to be hung. Students had to use scaffolds to put decorations high up. The senior theme was Spain/Mexico, and they decorated the commons with pinatas, maracas, and a bull pen.



The Restaurant You Ate At . . .

- Spaghetti Warehouse (James Tomlinson 12)
- Outback Steakhouse (Valerie Pearce 10)
- my home (Ronnie Singleton 12) •Nara of Japan (Jenny Stallings 11)
- George Gori's home (Nicole Hicks 10) •Steak and Ale (Randall Lawson 9)
- Chi-Chi's (Kelly Insley 11) •Darryl's (Amanda Mercalf 9)
- Mongolian BBQ (Katie Martin 11) •James River Country Club (Kirsty Erzen 12)

STOPPING AT THE REFRESHMENT

table, senior Vikram Vatsa pours himself a drink. On October 26, students gathered in the commons for the Homecoming Dance. "Homecoming was fun, although trying to dance was an adventure. This was the first year I actually went, but I'm glad I did," Vikram said.



BEFORE HAVING THEIR PICTURES

taken, senior Dan Mathis and sophomore Caroline Todd talk to a Josten's photographer. Students had to wait in line to get pictures. "We got to the dance late, but we had our pictures taken right after we got there. Your hair always gets messed up after dancing so you have to get them taken before," Caroline said.

AT THE CLOSE OF THE EVENING,

the sounds of the 50's filled the air with "Summer Nights" and "You're the One That I Want" from *Grease*. Then the last slow song was played. Senior Ashley West shares the last dance with her date and boyfriend, Robert Sherman.





DURING HALFTIME, SENIOR

Jesse Johnson escorts Homecoming Queen senior Jennifer Davison onto the field. After the band played Elton John's "Don't Let the Sun Go Down," the Homecoming court came onto the field. Principal Mr. Don Bock and last year's Homecoming Queen Laura Schempf crowned Jennifer.

AIMING CAREFULLY, SENIOR

Melissa Carter pins a boutonniere onto senior Peter Restituto's lapel. After her parents took pictures and they discussed last minute plans about dinner and the dance, Melissa and Peter joined over twenty of their friends at Fisherman's Wharf for dinner. Once dinner was over, they all went to the dance.



ROYALTY REIGNS

It was the first formal dance of the year. Sometimes, it was the first formal of a freshman's life. Was going to all the trouble of buying a dress, a suit, flowers, an expensive dinner, and deciding who was riding with whom worth it? Apparently 540 students thought it was. Homecoming Dance was held on October 26 in the Commons. With 540 bodies crammed into the area, the biggest complaint was space and heat. Despite this and other kinks in the night, it was generally an evening enjoyed by students.

SUNNY CLAUSSEN

"My dad called from a wedding and asked me to bring him a deli tray he forgot to get when he left. We were 10 minutes late to pick up our dates, but they still weren't ready, so it was cool."

Jesse Johnson 12

"I had a great time at the dance, but the night sure didn't start out right. I let my mom do my hair-it looked like Don King's afro. Then, on the way to Spaghetti Warehouse for dinner, Tim Thomas's Suburban broke down. We had to get out of the car and push it while on Victory Boulevard."

Christy McIntyre 10

"My group had around 20 people, and we went to Fisherman's Wharf for a very expensive seafood dinner. The rain and darkness made it difficult to find the restaurant, especially since I didn't know where it was. The DJ was mediocre, but not bad. Just not good. He should have played more slow songs."

Brian Savage 12

"We went to Darryl's for dinner, along with half of the school. I ordered chicken fajitas, and they took up the whole table. Lisa had to hold my toppings while I fixed them. The weather was horrible, cold, and rainy. My parents took too many pictures and I got very annoyed. Overall, I had a great time with Craig."

Blair White 9

"The new coat-checking process was cool because I could walk around without shoes or a coat. Then I could really get my groove on."

Al Tardiff 10

"I was nervous at dinner and spilled my soup and dropped my fork."

David Mattson 9

"The line to get in wasn't bad, but the picture line was ludicrous. They need to have more people taking pictures."

Jesse Dunlap 10

The Charm That Brings You Luck...

♦1978 Penny (Drew Whitam 12) ♦Swimming Medal (Marissa Austin 9) ♦Silk Boxers (Al Tardiff 10) ♦Hooters Saltshaker Cap (Aaron Gaul 10) ♦Scooby-Doo Coin from Kings Dominion (Page Bishop 11) ♦Figurine of Yoda (Jason Barnett 11) ♦Black Feet Necklace (Paul Keddell 10) ♦Horseshoe (Ronnie Singleton 12)

AFTER STOPPING BY HER

locker before seventh period, junior Tara Starnier shows junior Ashleigh Schuller the necklace with a Hand of God on it that she wears for good luck. "I've never taken it off since I got it three years ago. My dad gave it to me for my bat mitzvah so it has sentimental value," Tara said.

WITH A GOOD LUCK CHARM OUT

by his book, junior Jamie LaRue waits for AP English class to begin. Jamie's charm was a fake animal tail that he kept on his key chain. "I got it two years ago in Alaska in this weird store made all out of wood. It's good luck so I don't lose my keys," Jamie said.



LUCK HAPPENS

Nervously, one student at the back of the room glances at the penny resting on the corner of his desk. Another bends down and touches the four-leaf clover patch on his backpack. One girl wipes her sweaty palms on her jeans and then reaches for the rabbit's foot in her pocket. The teacher begins to hand out the tests. Good luck. Who believes in it- especially now that we're in high school? Surprisingly, there were quite a few students who did.

SARAH DEWEY

"My good luck charm is my 'Best Friends' necklace. In eighth grade I gave the other half to a friend of mine. It's come to symbolize all of my friends."

Karen Feigh 12

"At swim meets I keep a penny in the pocket of my warm-up pants."

Ian Lamprecht 11

"I have a necklace that my grandmother gave to me. Actually, it was a ring. The necklace broke so I had the stone put in a ring. So I guess it's the gem that's lucky."

Brandi Robinson 9

"My lucky charm is a rock. One day I was walking along, and it sort of hit me on the head. I picked it up and decided it was lucky. It sits on my windowsill at home."

Pat Piercefield 10

"I have a lucky ring that I've had for about a year. It's just given me luck. I got it for my birthday. It helps me on tests. I get a good grade on the ones I don't study for."

Melanie Buckley 10

"I have a lucky dime that I found in my garage. It's brought me luck. After I found it, I found 100 dollars. Once, I brought it to a forensics meet, the only forensics meet I ever took it to, and won first place in humorous interpretation. Although, I like to think I did a

good job."

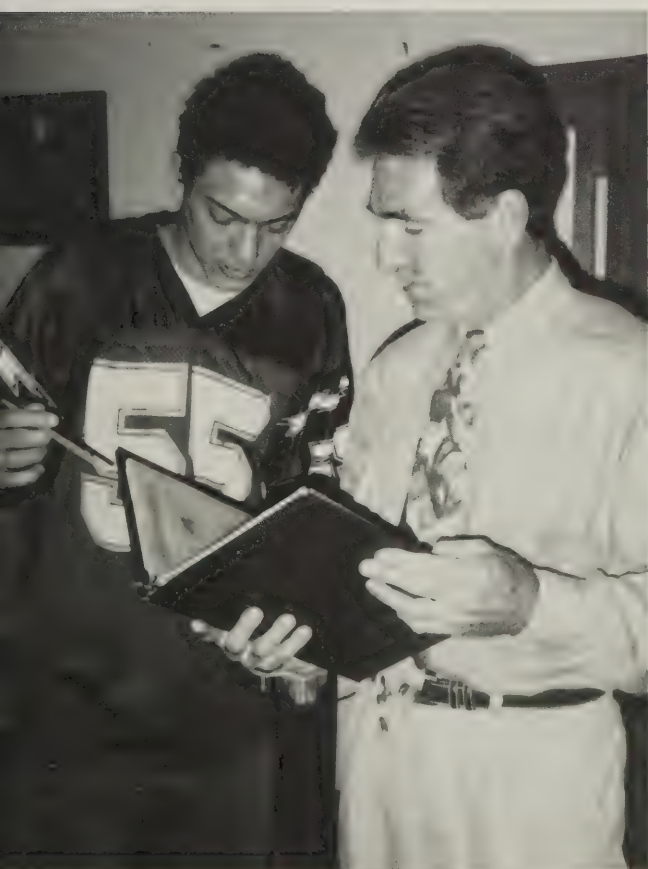
Chris Young 11

"I carry a cross with me that my sister gave me about five years ago before a baseball game. I had the best game of my life. I've carried it with me ever since."

Mike Nolan 9

"On the day of our first meet, I found a penny heads up. I wanted to keep it for luck, and the only place I could put it was in my shoe. It became a personal tradition on meet days."

Stephanie Skinner 10



BEFORE TAKING HIS SEAT FOR

AP English, junior Pedro Garcia looks at Mr. Mark VanDervort's good luck charm. Mr. VanDervort kept a four leaf clover in the back of his binder for good luck in his classes. Pedro also had a four leaf clover for luck.

WHILE STUDYING IN FRENCH

class, junior Kathy Fowler holds her good luck charm, a TARDIS key necklace. "A TARDIS key is a key used by the Doctor to enter his time-and-space ship in the British TV show *Doctor Who*. I always wear it," Kathy said.

AT THE DOLE/KEMP

headquarters, senior Jessica Jeffreys reads up on the candidates' goals.

Republicans took over an old car dealership on Warwick Boulevard as their central office. Jessica said, "After looking over the brochures, I realized they're all ridiculous. The candidates are just playing to their audience. I actually found the whole thing to be humorous."

ONE OF THE FOUR SITES IN

Poquoson where constituents could cast their votes was at the Poquoson Primary School. Senior Suzi Thomas waits with her mother, who went to the Primary School to vote after work. "I'm still seventeen, so I can't vote yet, but my mom asked me to go with her. She wanted me to see what voting was all about," Suzi said.



CLINTON WINS

"He's a liar! He contradicts himself!" "He isn't a moral person! Look at his past history!" "He never stood firm on his policies! His opinion varies from month to month!" "He never supported the bills he signed!" Let the mudslinging begin. The elections offered this and more. It gave many a chance to cast their first ballot. It provided for debates in various classes. It offered the opportunity to campaign for the candidate of their choice.

SARAH DEWEY

"I turned 18 the day before the elections, and I voted for the first time. People who don't vote are wasting their chance to be heard. I knew my vote made a difference when I cast my ballot. I was proud to participate in the election."

Maura Garvey 12

"I thought both candidates were weak. That's why I helped campaign for Mary Hollis."

Tim Thomas 12

"The bad thing about elections is that it takes up all the channels on TV. If it was up to me, we would

have one channel for all of the people who want to watch the elections."

Ariann Johnson 11

"I am happy that Bill Clinton won the election. I like his 'new democratic' views and his programs to extend basic education from 12 to 14 years."

Chris Fortier 11

"The elections were all my dad had on TV for three weeks. I didn't watch any of it. They clap too much. I'm not kidding. One time Clinton came on and they clapped for three minutes."

Britney Compton 10

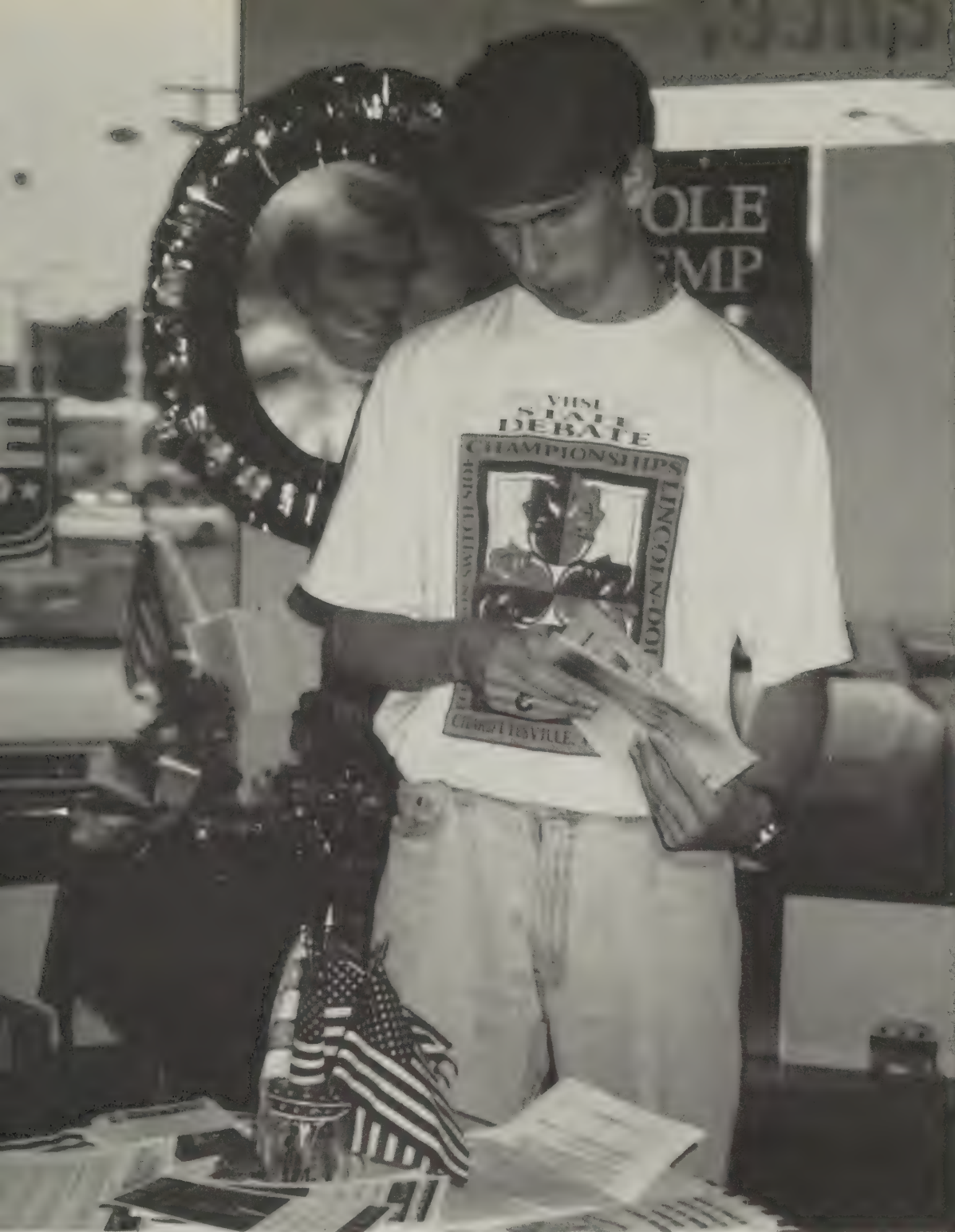
"I think that the presidential elections are very

boring. The candidates always say the same thing, they don't do what they say, and no one who runs for office is willing to really make a difference and change policies."

Tomma Winder 11

"I was pulling for Robert Dole, but I knew deep down that Bill Clinton would come out on top. However, I was pleased to find out the Republicans held onto the Senate and the House to balance the power. I look forward to being able to vote in four more years."

Ashleigh Schuller 11

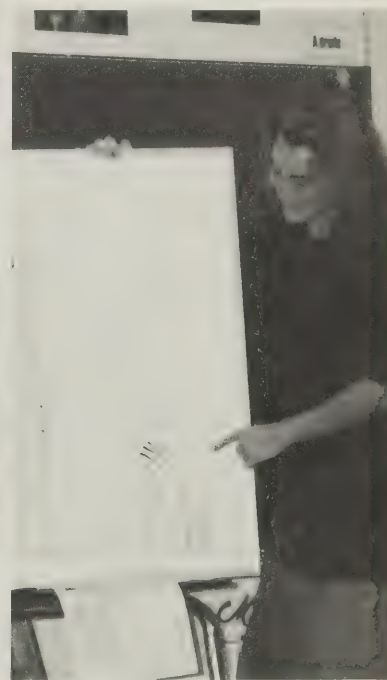


BEFORE THE PRESIDENTIAL

elections, senior Brad Ambrose gathers information to put in packets for the Republican party. Brad volunteered at the Bob Dole headquarters in the months before the elections. Among his other duties, he delivered campaign information to citizens.

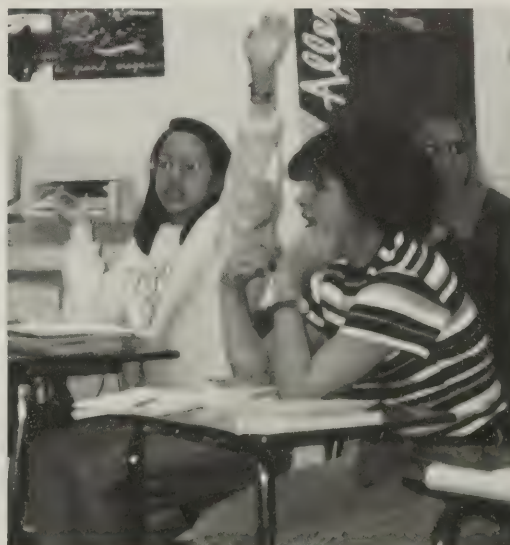
USING A DRY ERASE BOARD AS

her visual aid, senior Angela Taliaferro makes points to support Ross Perot on issues such as the national debt and welfare. Students debated on the candidates and held mock elections in the weeks before the elections. "I don't really support Perot, in fact I didn't really know anything about his issues. I just made up some amusing statistics to get a good laugh out of the whole project," Angela said.



IN A DEBATE IN AP FRENCH

/French V, junior Joyce Yue raises her hand to ask junior Chris Fortier a question. Chris played the role of Bill Clinton in the mock elections the day before the real presidential elections. "I asked him if his inability to participate in the Vietnam War affected his ability to be commander in chief of the United States. He never really answered," Joyce said.



The Candidate You Wanted To Win . . .

♦ Bob Dole (Richina Wood 12) ♦ Bob Dole (Mike Nolan 9) ♦ Bob Dole (Amy Richardson 11) ♦ Bob Dole (Matt Gengnagel 11) ♦ Bill Clinton (Chris Riley 12) ♦ Bob Dole (Jesse Dunlap 10) ♦ Bob Dole (Brad Ambrose 12) ♦ Undecided (Rikki Stetson) ♦ Bob Dole (Justin Williams 10) ♦ Bob Dole (George Hudgins 9)

OPTIONS WIDE

Some people say that a sport is anything that uses a ball or a stick or has teams. Others judge sports by the Olympics- if it's in the Olympics, then it must be a sport. According to the school, a sport is anything that is sanctioned by the Virginia High School League. This leaves out many sports that students actively play, just not in school. Still others define sports in even different ways. All in all, it adds up to include a lot of activities that fall under the category of "sports."

NICOLE FELDL

"In sports like football, athletes train their bodies to move. In shooting, athletes train their bodies to stand still. Shooting has given me a lot of opportunities, and I've been able to travel around the country for competitions. I've been to Los Angeles, Colorado, and other places that I wouldn't have been able to go to. I also had the chance to meet lots of people."

Brad Elsass 11

"I really like playing hockey, but I don't like how the community doesn't support the sport. We play often on the tennis courts and we get kicked off by the cops. There

was once a proposal for a hockey court by the city, but it got turned down. I play goalie. Even though people think playing that position isn't hard, it really is."

Jonathan Falls 11

"When I first tried skating, it opened up a whole new world. Skating is a lifestyle as well as a sport, and it's not easy. Most people can't just hop on a skateboard and go on their first try, but if you keep at it you'll become good sometime."

Greg Myers 9

"I like karate, but I get beat up a lot. Every couple of months you have a belt test to see if you can get your next belt. They're pretty hard and they last about five hours. We have

to run and do exercises. Then we work on blocking and kicks and punches. I like to hit things so karate is a good sport for me. It helps relieve stress."

Steven Feigh 10

"I've been snow skiing for a couple years. The first time I went I was in third grade. I was in Korea then. Now I go to Wintergreen. I lived in Charlottesville for a year and it was only forty minutes away from Wintergreen so I got to go about three times a week. I like skiing because I get to see all the cute snowboarders."

Grace Ahn 12



ON HER BIRTHDAY, JUNIOR

Courtney Judd took a group of friends to Ice Palace to ice skate. Some had gone skating before, but most were new to the experience. Junior Chris Young helps junior Tomma Winder put her skates on before going out on the ice.

IN THE GYMNASIUM OF

Poquoson Primary School, senior Stephanie Kelly rehearses one of the dances that she will perform in an upcoming show. Stephanie danced since she was five years old and she won several competitions in ballet, lyrical, and pointe.





The Sport You Played . . .

- ◆Gymnastics (Kelly Insley 11) ◆Snow Skiing (Judd Compton 11) ◆Swimming (Alexis Ross 11) ◆Surfing (Sara Johnson 11)
- ◆Skateboarding (Paul Gilbert 10)
- ◆Snowboarding (Malcolm Matheson 12)
- ◆Air Rifle (Brad Elsass 11) ◆Skateboarding (Sam Choi 11) ◆Dancing (Christa Stutt 11)
- ◆Ice Skating (Matt Williams 11)

STUDENTS WERE INVOLVED IN

sports before they even started going to school. Sophomore Shelly Pennow studied gymnastics since she was four years old. She attended a gymnastics camp over the summer and learned many new stunts. Shelly practices a handstand upstairs in her house.

RIDING HER HORSE LADY DI,

senior Franziska Fischer takes a jump. Horseback riding was a not-so-common out of school sport. Franziska said, "I went to South Carolina this summer to train horses. I rode cross country every day, and I also did dressage and jumping."



The Subject You Tutored/Were Tutored In . . .

♦Algebra I (Sara Thomas 9) ♦Reading (Pat
Piercefield 10) ♦Calculus (Amanda
Robertson 12) ♦Geometry (Jodi Koenig 11)
♦Hebrew (Tara Starnier 11) ♦English (Jenni-
fer Zarembo 10) ♦Geometry (Nelson Beard 9)
♦Math (Mary Beth Evans 11) ♦Calculus
(Chuck Winstead 12)

EXASPERATED, JUNIOR LIZ

Render attempts to explain some chemistry homework to junior Courtney Judd. Liz offered Courtney help whenever she didn't understand a concept. "Liz tried to help me understand organic chemistry, but I could tell it was difficult for her at times," Courtney said.



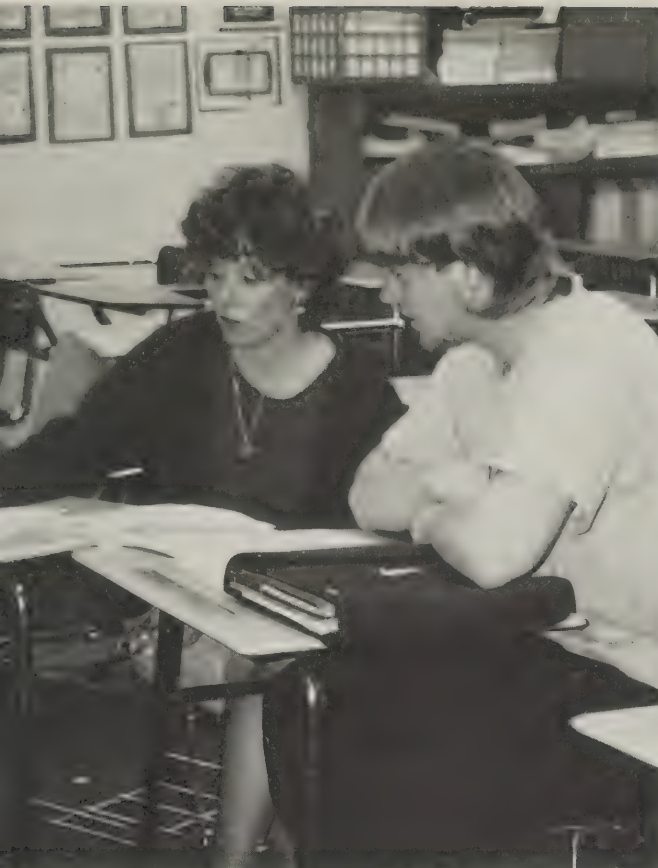
IN THE FALL, STUDENTS

competed in the American Legion Oratorical Contest. They composed an eight to ten minute speech and prepared for extemporaneous speaking. Juniors Ashleigh Schuller and Craig Gallaer quiz each other on current event topics that may be a part of their impromptu speech.

LOOKING UP AS MR. JOE

Garritty's physics class walks by, Mr. Tom Fay works one-on-one with senior Katie Edwards. "Mr. Fay and I are the only ones in the Spanish V class. It was awkward at first, but now the class is a little easier," Katie said.





GOING OVER ESSAY WRITING

pointers, Mrs. Candis Griffin helps senior David Spivey prepare for the Virginia literacy passport test. David was new to Virginia and all new students were required to take the test. Mrs. Griffin gave David an idea of what to expect when he took the test.

POINTING TO A PROBLEM IN HER

book, senior Jessica Jeffreys asks senior Jesse Buchanan how to do a math problem. Jessica and Jesse studied together for calculus. Students tutored each other, especially before tests worth a lot of points, to gain insight from a person taking the same class.



FRIENDS TEACH

Help! A word heard all too often. After all, school was supposed to be difficult, and students sometimes did need help with their studies. That's where tutoring came in. Students who were having a hard time learning a concept were often tutored, as well as those who just needed some extra help to prepare for a test. Tutoring remained a good way for students to get one-on-one learning and individual attention, whether from a friend, teacher, or professional tutor.

NICOLE FELDL

"I tutor through the National Honor Society so unfortunately I don't get paid. But I make some good friends, and it's a good way to get involved. Right now I basically tutor in geometry and Spanish. Tutoring takes up a lot of my time, but it feels good when the person you were tutoring gets a good grade, and I know I made a difference. If you tutor in a subject that you're also taking, it helps you review for your own classes."

Jessica Jenks 12

"I get tutored in geometry because I just switched classes from keyboarding, so I'm a little behind and I need to catch up. It's the

only way I can get through the class right now. I'm tutored every day after school for about thirty minutes. Mr. Kohlrieser, my tutor, is really patient, and he doesn't mind if I get a question wrong. He doesn't get frustrated, no matter how long it takes."

Stephanie Kelly 12

"I help people with algebra, usually during math class. This is my second year of taking it, so I'm pretty good by now. Tutoring is better than other ways of learning because people are more willing to listen to someone their own age, and they seem to understand it better."

James Rosensteel 9

"Over the summer I got tutored in math analy-

sis and trigonometry by Ms. Osborne. The tutoring didn't really help, but with tutoring it's a one-on-one basis which is easier for the student to ask questions. I didn't like it because it interfered with my summer schedule. My mom made me do it."

Mike DuBose 11

"I work at Kumon Math and Reading Center. I tutor kids between the age of four and sixteen. It's a lot of fun to feel that you're smarter than someone for once. I prefer tutoring one person instead of a whole group, but with Kumon it's always a group of people."

Patrick Johnson 11

The Tattoo or Piercing You'd Like to Have . . .

- ♦ a dragon breathing fire, with big fangs dripping blood (Marc McGarry 11)
- ♦ barbed wire around my arm (Wendy Sellers 12)
- ♦ J.H. initialed on my heart (Lauren Cochet 9)
- ♦ a little red rose on my ankle (Liz Render 11)
- ♦ a bracelet tattoo around my ankle (Nicole Knudsen 11)

IN HER AP AMERICAN HISTORY class, junior Amy Sutherland works on terms. Amy had five earrings, as well as a cartilage ring. "I got my first one in kindergarten, and I've gotten more over the years. I got my cartilage earring done on a dare," she said.

LIFTING UP HIS PANTS LEG, senior Mike Rodgers shows off a tattoo on his ankle as junior Ian Lamprecht looks on. "My earrings and tattoo give me a chance to express myself. I didn't care about the cost, since I've wanted one for so long. It didn't hurt too bad," Mike said.



NEEDLES PIERCE

Your clothes, your hair, your jewelry, your attitude. These were all different ways of expressing and defining yourself as a person. In order to be unique and stand out in a crowd, students went to various lengths to change their outer appearances. Some students went to the extent of tattoos and body piercing to express their individuality. The legal age in order to get a tattoo and for body piercing other than earrings was 18 years old. Although underclassmen wanted them, it was mostly seniors who had them.

SARAH DEWEY

"I didn't get it to be trendy or individual, but I got my first tattoo when I was 15. It's a daisy on my ankle. My boyfriend at the time gave it to me, and I thought I would regret it after we broke up. But we're really close friends, so it means more now than ever. I love it, and I'm getting more."

Jennifer Lemons 12

"I pierced my lip to express my individuality. I wanted to look different. Besides, it's da bomb."

Meghan Winters 11

"I don't see why people mutilate their bodies like that. They un-

dergo excruciating pain so they can either risk ink poisoning or so they can have a piece of metal sticking out of them. I wish they could find healthier ways to express their independence and individuality."

Matt Williams 11

"I've done some pretty stupid stuff to my body, but piercings can be removed a lot easier than tattoos. I really will regret having a dumb symbol on my back when I'm old, but I knew that when I did it. Also, people start to assume things about you when you get pierced. So beware."

Lauren Howle 11

"I have always been fascinated by body piercing and tattoos. Now that I've turned 18, I

really want to either get a belly button ring or a tattoo. I don't know which one yet. If I get a tattoo, it will probably be a small white rose on my shoulder or on my ankle."

Amanda Robertson 12

"Well, I believe that body piercing and tattoos give people a chance to express their individuality. As for me, my ears are pierced nine times, and I've got a mushroom tattoo on my toe. Why? Because it's original, and it's weird, and it expresses my personality."

Schannel Morgart 12



AT FAZOLI'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT, junior Meghan Winters eats a breadstick while waiting in line. Students took advantage of the free unlimited breadsticks and relatively cheap food at Fazoli's. "I got my lip pierced because I wanted to be weird, but sometimes it gets in the way when I eat," she said.

BOTH MALE AND FEMALE students wore earrings. Junior Amy Richardson, with eight piercings per ear, sings during Mrs. Dot Little's fourth hour Soundsation class. When the group traveled to various cities to sing, all of the members had to remove all of their jewelry.

BRIGHTON BEACH MEMOIRS WAS

a show about the members of a poor Jewish family learning how to handle life's crises. Stanley, played by senior Chris Lorigan, defends his principles and explains to his brother Eugene why he might lose his job. Eugene was played by senior Andrew Shtulman.

LOOKING IN A MIRROR, SENIOR

Kristy Erzen applies blush. Kristy played the part of Ethel in *Only an Orphan Girl*, which took place April 25 and 26. All of the characters, including the men, were required to wear make-up so the stage lights wouldn't wash out their faces. Facial expression was an important part of acting.



A CTORS PERFORM M

"Merry Christmas!" When most students heard these words, they thought of Santa Claus, presents, and "Jingle Bells." To those involved in drama, however, these words held a totally different meaning. The words "Merry Christmas" replaced "Break a leg," the theatre saying that meant good luck. Thespians heard these words quite often during two of the three shows, Lovers in Midsummer and Only an Orphan Girl. "Happy Hanukkah" was more popular during Brighton Beach Memoirs.

SARAH DEWEY

"I always enjoy drama even if it means having my hair curled and wearing flamboyant make-up. The only bad part was getting my scalp burned by the curling iron."

Chris Young 11

"Having to dye my hair for the play was scary. Once I was Pipilongstockings for Halloween. The red spray was supposed to rinse out. After a month, I still had a red tint to my hair. Needless to say, dying it dark was a little nerve racking."

Becky Marlowe 11

"The one act was a lot of fun.

Pretty much any opportunity to be in front of an audience is. It was great to see everyone backstage spaz out when I dropped my sword on stage. I thought someone was going to have a heart attack, but with a little quick thinking and an open mind it all worked out."

Scott Howell 10

"This year was really exciting because I got to be on stage instead of behind it. I enjoyed both shows."

Amanda Robertson 12

"It was very interesting getting to lead the audience in 'Happy Birthday' for three different people- including myself."

Kristen White 9

"With the uniqueness of the melodrama, I can honestly say I laughed at every practice. The sawmill scene rehearsals were the best. I have so many fond memories. The audience is still talking about being a part of the action."

Ashleigh Schuller 11

"I was supposed to be about eight or nine years old. It was a lot of fun. It came more naturally than the other parts would have. It was hard trying to make my voice sound little-girlish and still be loud enough to be heard."

Diana Fithian 9



RESTING AFTER AN ASTHMA

attack, Blanche, played by senior Amanda Robertson, is comforted by her daughter Laurie, and sister, Kate. Sophomore Lorri Singleton played the daughter, and junior Sarah Dewey played Kate.

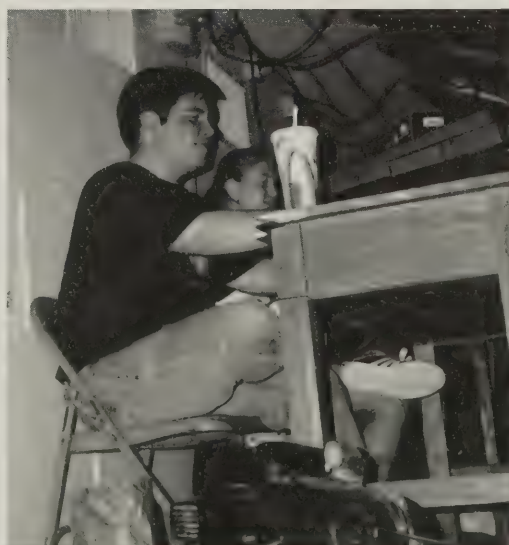
DURING A DRESS REHEARSAL OF

Lovers in Midsummer, junior Matt Williams gives senior Stephanie Cordell his reasons why she should not marry her true love. The company of the show performed at York High School for the VHSL District Theatre Festival. The show took fourth place.



The Character You Liked Best . . .

♦ Nellie (Jennifer Kennedy 11) ♦ Dick (Rachel Fithian 11) ♦ Kate (Chuck Winstead 12)
♦ Arthur (Carmen Daniels 12) ♦ Eugene (Elizabeth Render 11) ♦ Lucy (Chris Fortier 11) ♦ Eugene (April Klaassen 10) ♦ Eugene (Gabrielle Davis 12) ♦ Arthur (Matt Insley 10)
♦ Kate (Courtney Judd 11) ♦ Appleby (Sunny Claussen 12)



THE BALCONY IN THE MIDDLE

school auditorium held the sound equipment and lights used for stage productions. Junior Michael DuBose and sophomore Meredith Cassell work the sound booth for *Only an Orphan Girl*. Michael was the head sound technician.

BODIES UNWIND

A preview to summer. A sneak peek at the three-month break yet to come. One short week was enjoyed by students over Spring Break in April. Students used the free time by going on vacations, playing at the beach, working for money, and for juniors, touring college campuses in preparation for deciding which ones to apply to next year. Spring Break proved to be a true sign that the school year was almost over, as only nine weeks remained after students came back to school.

NICOLE FELDL

"I went to Disney World and Cocoa Beach with my family. We also went to Kennedy Space Center, and we got to see the shuttle being launched. Mr. Garrity was there too, but I only saw him from a distance."

Valerie Sledd 12

"I ended up in the emergency room with a respiratory infection. I was sick in bed all week. I got a bad cold and it never went away. When I started getting dizzy, my parents took me to the hospital. They did a chest X-ray and put me on antibiotics. It wasn't fun."

Wendy Sellers 12

"Over Spring Break I went to Buffalo, New York, for the Eastern Zones swim meet. I represented Virginia and competed against other states on the eastern coast. The people there were really fast, so I was lucky to make the finals. I had a lot of fun and met a lot of new people."

Amanda Moore 10

"I worked the whole weekend at Busch Gardens. I took pictures of the guests at the front of the park. I liked it because I got to see all my friends who came up to Busch, and I made a lot of friends. When I wasn't working, I was playing softball."

Heather Tate 9

"I loved every minute of not being at school."

School puts a lot of stress on me with tests and homework, and I needed a break. I spent a lot of my time playing baseball and just relaxing. I wish it would have been a little longer."

Emile Cochet 11

"My brother was moving to New York, and I went up there with him to help him move. We got to go up in the Statue of Liberty. We only spent two days in New York, but on the way up we spent four days in Maryland with family. I didn't really do anything interesting in Maryland."

Christine Diggs 10



AT MADAME TUSSADE'S WAX

Museum in London, junior Ashleigh Schuller stands with Oprah Winfrey. Mrs. Sandy Katz and Mrs. Karen Shepherd took students to England over spring break. There they had the chance to visit Stonehenge, Buckingham Palace, the Tower of London, and see several plays in London's West End.

AT SOUTH TOWN VILLAS JUNIOR

Chris Card vacuums the swimming pool. In preparation for the pool's opening, he also had to skim leaves off the water's surface and balance the chemicals. Residents of the town houses were allowed to use the pool. Many pools opened over spring break so people could swim and enjoy the warm weather.





The Place You Went to . . .

♦Cocoa Beach (Adam Stout 9) ♦London (Stephanie Cordell 12) ♦Busch Gardens (Dave Shannon 11) ♦Golfing (Phillips Booker 12) ♦Mississippi (Dan McAdams 11) ♦Bahamas (Melissa Carter 12) ♦New York (Daniel Wong 10) ♦Nags Head (Meghan Steele 10) ♦Dave Shannon's House (Tommy Crittenden 11)

THE MALL WAS A POPULAR PLACE

for students to go during spring break. Junior Dave Scott and senior Tracy Morse take a break to eat lunch after a day of shopping. "The food court at Coliseum Mall was a big change from the one at Patrick Henry Mall. Corn dogs on sticks were a delightful change," Dave said.

TO VERIFY AN OLD CHEVEROLET'S

authenticity, sophomore Josh Simon and junior J.D. Falls kick its bumper. Josh and J.D. went to Universal Studios over spring break. After touring the studio, they went to a restaurant done up with a 1950s theme. "We started a fad. A little kid was kicking the same car when we left the restaurant," Josh said.



The Restaurant You Ate At . . .

wTaco Bell (Liuren Perdue 12) wChick-Fil-A
(Andrew Staton 10) wMcDonalds (Maureen
Sontos 10) wPizza Hut (Angela Talaferro
12) wChi-Chi's (Renee Booth 10) wSubway
(Curie Choi 10) wFazoli's (Jeff Norris 11)
wOlive Garden (Valerie Sledd 12) wFazoli's
(Tara Starnier 11) wPizza Hut (Thomas Myer
11) wChi-Chi's (Kelly Insley 11)

AT SPAGHETTI WAREHOUSE

senior Wendy Sellers and junior Alison
Mast color while waiting to place their
order. Spaghetti Warehouse was another
Italian restaurant where students ate
lunch after school on half days. "I like
putting subliminal messages to the
waiter on the table. My favorite message
was 'serve the cute one first' with an
arrow pointing to me," Wendy said.



WHILE FINISHING OFF HER FOOD,

junior Jenny Stallings talks with friends.
Students went to Pizza Hut on half days
to share a pizza or take advantage of the
buffet. "It's a lot of fun to go there on half
days to relax and eat. It seems like the
whole school goes there. I like buffets
because it's not very expensive and you
can eat all you want," Jenny said.

AFTER GETTING THEIR MEAL,

sophomore Amanda Moore and junior
Sara Johnson grab a table to eat lunch.
Fazoli's Italian Restaurant offered cheap
Italian fast food. Students often went
there for a change, instead of going to
the more traditional fast food restaurants
like McDonalds, Burger King, and
Wendys. "Fazoli's is great because it's
someplace different. After years of
nothing but hamburgers, fast Italian food
is nice," Sara said.





SAVORING A BREADSTICK,

sophomore Pong Jackson waits at a table at Fazoli's for her friends to order. While service was generally quick, many people came to the restaurant around lunchtime. "I love the breadsticks. That old guy who brings them to you kept coming back and giving me more. I ate so many breadsticks because I had no money to buy food," Pong said.

STANDING IN LINE, SENIOR

Colleen Bresnan buys a CD at Camelot Music while seniors Sylvia Corneliussen and Leanne Phillips wait for her. After lunch students drove to malls to use up the time with friends when they were normally in class. Two malls in the area, Coliseum and Patrick Henry, were especially visited on half days.



FRIENDS LUNCH

10:50 a.m. Students pour out of their classes, stop by lockers, rush out of the school, hop in cars or on buses and . . . leave. It's not even noon, and yet the whole school, with the exception of faculty, simply walks out. If today is October 11, November 7, November 27, December 20, February 7, or March 28, then it is probably a half day. Students took advantage of these days to lunch at restaurants and hang out with friends. Half days usually occurred on Fridays so students could get a headstart on the weekend.

NICOLE FELDL

"Normally on half days, about twenty people pile into my Suburban and we go out to eat. It seems like I always get stuck being the driver because I have the biggest car, but I don't mind. Afterwards we all end up hanging out at someone's house."

Sylvia Corneliussen 12

"I usually go out to lunch. I like how there's no school on half days. You go through classes for half a period, and that's it. You have more time to spend with your friends instead of sitting in school all day. Me and my friends usually go to Fazoli's because I used to go there a lot during field

hockey season and I like the food."

Mandie Kern 10

"Half days aren't really that fun for me because my dad normally makes me come in to work. I work at Peninsula Automotive as a secretary. I guess you'd call it work, but all I do is sit around. It's really slack. I can usually con my dad into letting me come in a little bit late so I can get something to eat with my friends."

April Butler 12

"I go out to eat with all my friends, sometimes to Chi-Chi's or Fazoli's or McDonalds or Subway. There's nothing else to do on half days, and they're a good excuse to go out and have fun. Half days are a no-work day. Generally I

spend the whole day with my friends. After lunch we'll go over to someone's house or out somewhere else. It's an early start to Friday night."

Jon Parker 11

"I go golfing. During a regular day I can't go golfing because it gets dark before you can finish. On some half days I also go to the movies with my friends. Sometimes I go to the mall and spend the whole day there shopping or hanging. After all that, we also have friends spend the night a lot."

Ryan Hudgins 9

The Item You Spent the Most Money On . . .

•Dinner (Mike Welsh 11) •Tickets
(Amanda Robertson 12) •Tuxedo (Dave
Scott) •Dress (Rachel Fithian 11) •
Gloves (Angela Taliaferro 12) •Dinner
(Jason Abbott 12) •Bra (Kelly Insley 11)
•Tuxedo (Skip Banton 9) •Gloves (Amy
Richardson 11)

MAKING A FACE, SENIOR DONNIE

Todd tries to eat his lobster. Donnie went with a group of 14 to Lighthouse Restaurant in Virginia Beach. "It was the first time I'd ever eaten lobster, so Carmen was trying to teach me how to break the shell. The shell ended up all over the place and it was real messy. But the lobster was good," Donnie said.

TO THE MUSIC OF "UNCHAINED

Melody," senior Donnie Gardner and sophomore Renee Booth dance their first slow dance. "Prom was really special for Renee and me because we've been together for so long. We had a great time," Donnie said. Many couples agreed that Prom was a very special night.



MOMENTS LAST

What do your parents say they remember about their prom? Her dress? His date? Or maybe an embarrassing incident? All adults had a story to tell about their prom. On May 17, students had a chance to create memories of the same sort. Prom, which was attended by 390 juniors, seniors, and guests, was held at the NCO club at Langley Air Force Base. The theme was Everlasting Moments. From the buying of a dress or renting of a tux to the crowning of the king and queen, the evening held many unique moments.

SARAH DEWEY

"I had a fabulous time at Prom. A big group of us went to dinner at Sewell's Ordinary, and they gave us our own room. The food was great, and we all had fun. Being with all of my friends made Prom very memorable."

Maura Garvey 12

"I went with Trevor Alsbrooks. We went out to lunch at Anna's Pizza instead of going to dinner so as not to risk getting our clothes messed up. We also didn't have to rush from dinner to the dance. We were right on time."

Suzanne Ayres 11

"I had a really good time after we

finally left Poquoson. We were running late because the person who was supposed to do Jodi's hair wasn't there and never showed up. We didn't leave the hair salon until 5:30 which made us miss our dinner reservations. We had to find another restaurant, so we didn't get to eat until about 7:30. Then, of course, all of the parents wanted to take pictures, so we arrived really late. Once everything started to calm down, I stopped going crazy."

Kelly Insley 11

"It was all pretty much a blur, but I left with only half of my tux, so I guess it must have been a blast. I had a great time with Kathy."

Dan Verlander 9

"Even though it was hot and crowded, the dancing was definitely the best part of Prom

because they actually played songs you could dance to."

Charles Juhl 11

"I was one of the lucky people at the regional meet, because I got to fly home by plane instead of driving. Most of the other people that were there had to speed down the interstate. But I still didn't arrive until 10:45."

Angela Taliaferro 12

"It was the first dance my boyfriend Dan and I went to. It was great, but I hated the long line for pictures."

Kathy Fowler 11



THE DAY OF PROM WAS SPENT

preparing for the dance. For girls, this included hair appointments. Senior Melissa Carter has rollers taken out of her hair in preparation of an up-do. "My hair never stays when I get it done, but after a few tries and suggestions from Sunny and Amy, we found a hairstyle that worked," Melissa said.

PINNING BOUTONNIERES PROVED

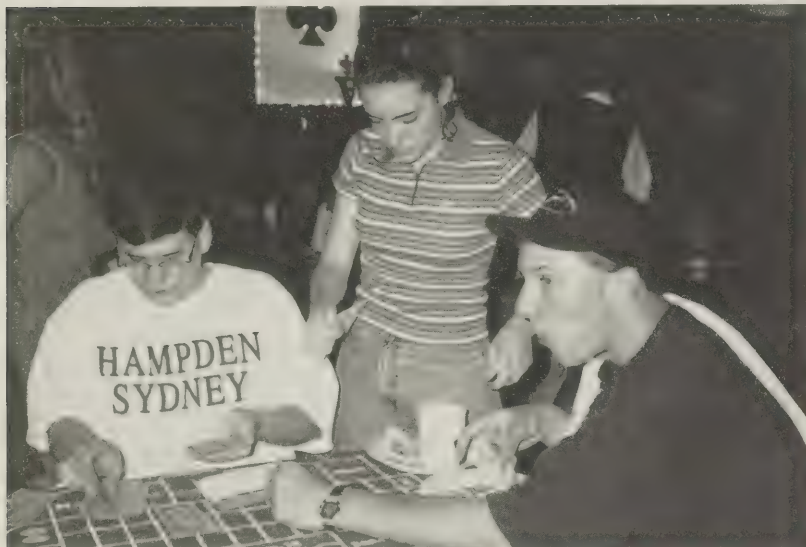
to be tricky for some girls. Senior Aimee Rector tries repeatedly to pin the rose on sophomore Jordan Johnson. Mrs. Nikki VandeMortel ended up pinning Jordan's flower on him. After parents took pictures, Aimee and Jordan, along with four other couples, got into a limo and went to dinner.

ONE OF THE MOST CROWDED

areas of the school was the commons where the gambling tables were set up. Seniors Anthony Koth and Mike French place their bets at roulette while junior Liz Render offers advice. Anthony won over \$900 at the various games. Other games at After Prom included a scooter race, basketball, golf, and bingo.

AS SHE PREPARES TO FIGHT,

two assistants pump air into junior Jennifer Mabe's inflatable Sumo suit. The bungee-run and Sumo-wrestling were both held in the gym. The match began with a gong being sounded, and it consisted of three rounds. The opponents tried to attack each other with the added bulk of their Sumo suits.



NIGHT EXTENDS

Where can juniors and seniors spend the early hours of the morning eating, gambling, Sumo-wrestling, and winning prizes? The After Prom was held on May 18, from midnight until five in the morning. Some of the events were bungee-run, bingo, and gambling. Fake money was used to "purchase" prizes, such as gift certificates, stereos, and candles. The climax was when senior David Pribyla won the 1987 Subaru donated by car dealer Henry Ager. After a long night, students went home to sleep or out to breakfast.

SUNNY CLAUSSEN

"I thought the After Prom was fun. I thought it was more fun than Prom because the NCO Club was too small to accommodate all the people. The dance floor was way too crowded, which made the room even hotter."

Rikki Stetson 11

"The best part of After Prom was the free food. I spent almost the whole night eating food from the table. I especially liked the pizza and the sub sandwiches. The games were pretty cool, too."

David Tomlinson 11

"After Prom was fun except for

the fact that Dave Shannon beat me up real good in Sumo-wrestling. He's so much stronger than I am, and I got body slammed many times. Everyone was laughing around us."

Phillips Booker 12

"The best part of After Prom was when I won the car. I've never won anything that big in my whole life. Even though I didn't need it, it's cool that I have two cars now."

David Pribyla 12

"I thought that After Prom was really fun. The games were great except for the fact that there weren't enough tables to accommodate the number of people. Whoever got to the gambling tables stayed the whole night. The Sumo-wrestling and the food were definitely

the best parts of After Prom."

Valerie Sledd 12

"The best part of After Prom was the Sumo-wrestling. My friend Jenny Stallings and I wrestled and we had a blast! Overall, I think After Prom was awesome."

Kathleen Kreiger 11

"Joey Bernache and I were going to pool our money and buy something for \$200. Ten minutes later, we were both broke. Don't ever put all of your money on number 3."

Liz Render 11



SINCE THE GAMBLING TABLES

were the only way to win more money, students often stayed at the tables for long periods of time. Senior Rachel Gilbert and graduate Jeff Mitchell play cards in hopes of winning enough money to buy a prize. The fake money was used to buy items such as candles, coolers, gift certificates, and make-up.

AT THE BLACKJACK TABLE,

senior Amy Hultman counts her money before placing a bet. Upon entering the school at After Prom, students were given envelopes full of funny money for gambling. Different casino games were set up at tables throughout the commons. While students played, servers came around to offer food and drinks.



The Activity You Liked Best . . .

♦Roulette Wheel (Nathan Holst 11) ♦Darts (Shari Gross 11) ♦Record Walk (Ashleigh Schuller 11) ♦Bungee Run (Jon Lange 12) ♦Toilet Toss (Alexis Ross 11) ♦Poker (Matt Williams 11) ♦Blackjack (Kristy Ernzen 12) ♦Bungee Run (Tim Mattson 11) ♦Poker (Brad Ambrose 12) ♦Darts (Amy Sutherland 11) ♦Blackjack (Chris Fortier 11)



LOOKING THROUGH THE PRICE

booklet, juniors Jessica Dryden and Lindsey King decide if they want to buy anything from the store. Students at After Prom spent hours gambling to make more money so they could shop at the store set up in the commons. Some items that were available for sale were hair products, deodorant, Tupperware, lamps, car wash kits, soccer balls, alarm clocks, radios, and hairdryers.

RELIEF ABOUND

Warm weather. Slacking off. Exams. Senior edition of the newspaper. Graduation !! The last few weeks of school brought many activities and memories. For seniors, there was Baccalaureate, senior video, skipping, being with friends for the last time, Graduation, and getting ready for college. For underclassmen, there was summer break and more years of high school. However, no matter how much students dreaded or looked forward to the end of school, the time went faster than one could imagine.

SUNNY CLAUSSEN

"I am so glad the school year is over. I thought it would never end! I am also sad because now everyone will be going his separate way."

Jesse Buchanan 12

"The end of the year would be great except for the exams. I hate studying when the weather's beautiful outside. I'm really looking forward to the summer and working at a pool."

Caroline Todd 10

"I'm so happy because I got an 82 on my TAMIC exam! I'm really excited about graduating from

high school, but sad at the same time because of all the friends I won't be able to see every day next year."

Richina Wood 12

"The end of the year was awesome, except for all the exams and hard tests that I had to cram for to bring up my GPA. I can't wait for the summer and relaxing in the sun and just being with friends."

Megan Powell 10

"The end of the year is good but bad. I hate it because of all the work and exams, but it's good because school is out. I can't wait to relax and be with my friends and get some sun. This summer I'm moving to Utah, so I'm sad that school is getting out. I really hope

that I can come back often. I'm going to really miss everyone."

Amanda Metcalf 9

"It makes me mad that Sunny Claussen is leaving. That's one less Korean in the school."

Al Tardif 10

"I can't believe I'm going to be a senior! This year's been really interesting, and I'm relieved that the school year's over. I'm looking forward to all the senior privileges and slacking off even more next year."

Dan McAdams 11



AT DENNY'S RESTAURANT, A

group of students wait on some benches to eat. Freshman Jackie Wingfield leans over as juniors Kelly Insley and Tara Starner, along with freshman Amanda Metcalf, attempt to rub smudges of dirt off Jackie's forehead. The smudges came from Jackie hitting her head on Tara's car door.

ENTERTAINING THEMSELVES,

juniors Pedro Garcia and Ryan Hunter spend the hour playing MASH in AP U.S. History. Since most AP students took the AP exams in early May, the last month of school was relatively free of work. Pedro and Ryan passed the time by picking out their future wives, cars, numbers of kids, and types of houses.





The Closing Event You Enjoyed the Most . . .

- ♦sleeping in (Melissa Carter 12) ♦slacking off (Jeremy Bloxom 11) ♦summer (Kelli Forrest 10) ♦Beach Week (Phillips Booker 12) ♦getting out of school (Matt Williams 11) ♦After Prom (Emily Shepherd 12) ♦becoming a senior (Jeff Norris 11) ♦graduation parties (Donnie Gardner 12)

AT THE END OF BREAKFAST,

junior Liz Render finishes off the pitcher of Coke by herself. Liz went to Denny's with several of her friends from chorus. "We had planned to go to Old Country Buffet, but they weren't open yet, so we went to Denny's instead. I could have eaten a lot more at OCB, but Denny's was all right," Liz said.

STUDYING THEIR LANE

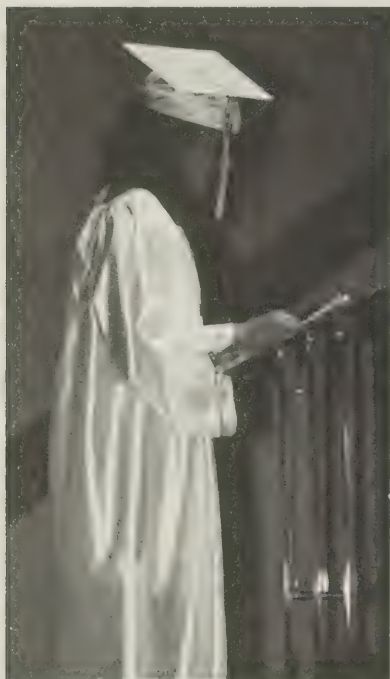
assignments at Pinboys, seniors Drew Whitam, Sylvia Corneliussen, Kristin Martin, Preston Noe, and graduate Tom Beazlie try to make up bowling teams. Since seniors who had an A for the year or the second semester were exempt from exams, they were able to go out on exam nights.



The College You Will Attend . . .

♦University Of Montana (Gabby Davis)
♦Chowan (Donnie Gardner) ♦Duke (Bryan Savage)
♦William & Mary (Angela Tallaferra) ♦Princeton (Andrew Shtulman)
♦VMI (Brooke Elliot) ♦Georgia Tech (Karen Feigh)
♦Gardner-Webb (George Gori) ♦U.S. Naval Academy (Leanne Phillips)
♦ODU (Brad Fitzpatrick) ♦UVA (Grace Ahn)

BRUSHING BACK HER HAIR, senior Sarah Meyer talks to senior Jaclyn Smith. After the ceremony, students and the new graduates stayed at Bethel Temple to take photos, say final farewells to friends, and introduce friends and family members to each other.



GIVING THE SALUTATORIAN

speech, senior Karen Feigh pauses to look at her notes. Both Karen and valedictorian Andrew Shtulman gave speeches at the beginning of the ceremony. After their speeches Principal Donald Bock gave a brief welcome and introduced the next speaker, a member of the city council.

BEFORE THE GRADUATION

ceremony, senior Rich Majchrzak puts on a tie. Graduation was held at Bethel Temple on Todds Lane in Hampton. Seniors arrived at the temple at 10:30 Saturday morning, and many made last minute preparations there.





FIDDLING WITH THE TASSEL ON
his cap, senior Mike French sits down after the graduation ceremony. One advantage of the ceremony being held early in the morning was that it gave students and their families the opportunity to spend the day together afterwards. They went to parties, cookouts, and other gatherings for the rest of the day and evening.

AT BETHEL TEMPLE, SENIORS
Patrick White and Marc Duncan talk while senior Mike Rodgers reads the program. The ceremony consisted of the valediction and salutation, congratulations from the school board and city council, a speech presented by former state senator Mr. Hunter Andrews, the awarding of scholarships, and finally the passing out of diplomas.



JOURNEY ENDS

In front of a packed audience, the senior class received their diplomas. Friends, relatives, and graduates filled Bethel Temple on June 11 at 11 o'clock. Armed with cameras and video camcorders, parents came to capture special moments of the ceremony. Speakers included seniors Karen Feigh and Andrew Shtulman, former state senator Hunter B. Andrews, and graduate Leslie Inge, who awarded the Joe Thomas Scholarship to Mike Andriliunas. Graduation ended with the throwing of the caps.

NICOLE FELDL

"Graduation was really sad because of all the friends I was leaving. I know that I'll probably never see some of them again because I'm going to Texas for college. The ceremony itself seemed to be really fast once it started. I was nervous that I would trip on stage, but I didn't. It was hectic once I got outside with everybody walking around trying to find their friends and all the relatives taking pictures. I can't believe that I've been with some of these people since first grade. It seems like it was just yesterday! I have so many memories. I'm really going to miss everyone."

Sunny Claussen 12

"I was one of the ushers at graduation for the National Honor Society. I just stood around and handed out programs. I thought it was a little boring, but I guess it will be more exciting next year when I graduate myself."

Charles Juhl 11

"After four years at this school, I'm ready to try something new. I can't wait to go to college, and I have so many plans for the future. However, the graduation ceremony was a little sad. I think we all realized that this was the last time we would all be together as a class."

Jennifer Haczewski 12

"The speaker, Mr. Hunter Andrews, was really cool, but other than that the ceremony was very boring. I felt my head nodding off several

times. It's great to be free for the summer. In August I get to go to Parris Island, off the coast of South Carolina. I'm going to be a Marine."

Mike French 12

"I was surprised at how many students from the high school went to graduation. Practically the whole school was milling around inside the building before the ceremony, and the auditorium was packed. We couldn't even get seats because the place was so crowded, and we had to stand against the wall."

Linsay Lane 10



Home wrestling matches were always well attended. Teachers, students, and other community members came to watch the Islanders wrestle. Getting his grip on his Grafton opponent, junior Graham Hunt gets take down points. Graham won by decision, 15-10. The Islanders beat the Clippers 81-0.

There were five sports that played during the fall season. As freshman forward Julia Goldman dribbles the ball upfield, she avoids a Grafton defender. Spectators often brought their lawn chairs behind the high school to watch the field hockey team play. Poquoson tied Grafton 1-1.





Focusing her eyes on the hoop, junior forward Nina Richardson prepares to take a foul shot. "We always worked hard on foul shots in practice. I thought it was pointless because I hardly ever made them in games," Nina said. The Lady Islanders lost to the Grafton Clippers 38-25.

Pride of the Town

Sports provide entertainment, excitement, pride

What should you do with your free time? Are you bored without homework, practice, or club meetings? Why don't you do what the rest of town is doing and go support a sports team?

Because of the large number of fans at most of the games, players tried harder to please the spectators. "On occasion, it's nice to win so that even more people support us. The crowd makes me pumped," senior football player Albert Bowden said.

Crowds made athletes eager and excited, but they also made them nervous. "When there's a game going on everyone is there. Sometimes I get nervous because there are so many fans, but I just cheer even louder," junior cheerleader Kristi Geppert said.

Whether athletes were pumped up or nervous, they were what made sports the **Pride of the Town.**

Roar of the crowd

Jason Bryant

At every basketball game, it was there. Every wrestling match had it. At every sporting event you went to, it was there.

The fans had the power to change the outcome of a game. A crowd caused dissension and brought havoc on opposing players and coaches. "The best thing about the crowd is supporting your school and being with your friends," junior Ashley Lamberton said.

"I like yelling at the refs and making fun of the players on the other team," senior Drew Whitam said.

It wasn't just the home games, either. Dozens of alumni, parents, and students made the trek to the away games. "Trying to find rides can be difficult. It's also weird being at another team's field because there are fewer Poquoson fans there," senior Amanda Robertson said.

Despite fewer Poquoson fans at away games, the students and parents that ventured to the games in some ways dwarfed the home team's side.

The roar of the crowd also sank a team's hopes in a matter of seconds. "When the other team's fans try to make fun of you, it makes you want to work harder to try to shut them up," senior Mike Andriliunas said.

Regardless of the sport, the most prevalent thing was the sea of screaming, boisterous, yelling parents, students and friends that made up the crowd.

During the second quarter of the homecoming game, junior Pedro Garcia takes the sweep around the left side. After running through the Grafton defensive line, he gained a first down. Pedro was named to the All-District team on both offense and defense.

After a drink, sophomore John Bell and senior Albert Bowden discuss the game so far. "We needed a big play to break the game open, and we got it," Bell said. He referred to his game-winning 63-yard touchdown run late in the fourth quarter.



Into the open field, senior Brad Chauvin gains good field position for the offense. He succeeded in getting a first down. The team scored a touchdown later on the drive. The touchdown wasn't enough, as the team lost to Southampton.



Running Through

Gridders settle for even record after quick start

Jason Bryant

Three seconds left. The home side stands and cheers, then the snap. Ten men battling at the line. The hold, one man breaks for the ball. The kick, a spinning brown, grass-stained blob now descends past the uprights. The game ends. The home team wins.

The football team finished with the school's best record since 1992. The team went 5-5. It was the first time in five years that they finished at or above .500.

The team also had to worry about the change in the district's configuration. Tabb returned from a two year stint in the Peninsula District, and gave the team another shot at their arch rivals.

"We played every team very well. We never gave up. This is the best team I've ever played for," senior Albert Bowden said.

The big tackle was always a sought-after action of the game. "I liked when I would lay someone out, and the team would gain from it," senior Drew Whitam said.

"We're young, we made mistakes, and the bigger teams made us pay," junior Jerrod Hurr said.

The senior class had its first Homecoming football win in their four-year school career. "It was great to win Homecoming. It proved to everyone we could actually win our Homecoming game," junior Dan McAdams said.

Those arch-rival Tabb Tigers squandered the team's playoff hopes with a 30-0 beating in the final game of the season. "The pinnacle of the season for me was the ambulance ride to the hospital after the Tabb game. That summed it up," senior Chris Riley said.

Four Islanders were selected to the Bay Rivers first and second teams. Juniors Pedro Garcia, Jerrod Hurr, Tyler Evans, and Emile Cochet represented the team. Garcia was named on both offense and defense. Cochet was named to the offensive line, Hurr selected at linebacker, and Evans as a punter. "Well, I felt that I had a pretty good season. I was a bit dissapointed that I only made the second team," Cochet said.



Varsity Football. Sitting: James Holloway, Albert Bowden, Anthony Ashley, Chris Riley, Eric Odom, Ricky Brown, Jonathan Seiter, Joe Flannery, Ronnie Singleton, Malcolm Matheson, Drew Whitam, Brad Chauvin. Front Row: Jerrod Hurr, Cory Groseth, Chris Carter, Robert Ankeney, Tommy Crittenden, Brett Maguire, Jamison Potter, Brandon Fitzpatrick, Tyler Evans, Sam Cowles, T.J. Kegl, Jesse Johnson. Back Row: Chris Card, Jimmy Pierce, Derek Chambers, Emile Cochet, George Hudgins, Dan McAdams, Josh Grohs, Curtis Booth, Josh Kovar, John Bell, Donnie Gardner, Pedro Garcia.

Football

5-5

Windsor	21-0
Mathews	17-6
Northampton	14-36
Smithfield	16-8
Bruton	14-27
Southampton	21-48
York	7-35
Grafton	17-14
Franklin	34-13
Tabb	0-30

As the Grafton opponent receives the ball, senior Jennifer Haczewski positions herself behind her opponent to stop her from going any farther. Jennifer got the ball away from Grafton, but the Clippers won the game 1-0.

After dribbling the ball farther down the field, the Grafton defense turned the ball around and won the game. "The game was very exciting, we all wanted to win since we lost to Grafton before," junior Christine Leeson said.



After the referee called a foul on the Grafton team, senior Heather Ivey prepares to take a free hit. Junior Christa Stutt was ready behind Heather to back her up. Heather drove the ball down the field but was stopped by a Grafton player.

As the Grafton opponent tries to dribble the ball up the field, she is approached by junior Alison Mast. After Grafton scored, the Lady Islanders were unable to score. Alison said, "Grafton gave us hard competition, but we put up a good fight."



Defending Goals

Late losses keep ladies out of post season

Erin Murphy

Focusing on the goal, hearing the cheers in the background, seeing the towering goalie in the opposite goal. These were just a few of the things going on in a field hockey player's head during a game.

The field hockey team beat York and Bruton, where they overcame the odds to win the games. "Our first game against York we really played our best. Everyone was focused on what we had to do," junior Blair Hardaway said.

Even though they did not win their games against Tabb and Grafton, the players still felt they tried to overcome these teams. "The best game this season was the first game against Tabb. The team played with such intensity. It was really exciting to watch," senior Maddie Beard said.

The team was young with only four seniors and the rest underclassmen. "I think that we had a really inexperienced team. We all got along well and played good together. Unfortunately we were unable to attend districts, but I still felt we had a productive season," junior Christa Stutt said.

The last game against Bruton was the deciding game on whether or not the team would attend districts. By the end of the game the score was 1-1. The game went into overtime when both teams failed to score again. In overtime each team only had seven players on the field. Overtime ended when Bruton scored. "We were all excited and ready to win. We played like we wanted the win, but so did they. It was a good game and also a very long one. Everyone was tired in overtime. Having only seven people on the field takes a lot out of you, but we kept it up. Unfortunately, they scored on a corner and it was all over," sophomore Shannon Nobile said.

"I was upset that we did not attend districts because we all really wanted it. However, we still had a successful team," junior Rachel McGraw said.

The majority of the field hockey team was juniors. There were only four seniors and three sophomores. "I was so happy when I found out I had made it in my sophomore year. It really meant a lot to me," sophomore Mandie Kern said.



Varsity Field Hockey. Sitting: Captains Leanne Phillips, Christa Stutt, Heather Ivey, Maddie Beard. Front Row: Manager Lindsay Gallae, Alison Quenville, Jenny Haczewski, Mary Beth Evans, Christine Leeson, Michelle Harrell, Rebecca Turbush. 2nd Row: Managers Jennifer Caratachea and Kristy McGraw, Alison Mast, Shannon Nobile, Mandie Kern, Sara Johnson, Erin Murphy, Rachel McGraw, Blair Hardaway, Rikki Stetson.

Field Hockey

5-8

Warwick	0-1
Heritage	5-0
Southampton	13-0
Grafton	1-3
Tabb	0-2
York	0-1
Bruton	1-0
Grafton	0-1
Tabb	1-3
York	3-1
Bruton	0-1
Lafayette	0-2
Southampton	6-0

Playing Offense

Returnees pull rookies together

Becky David

It's Thursday night and where does everyone go? They go to see the Lady Islanders yell, pass, shoot, and score. The event included friends, pizza, and excitement enough to bring students together to see a basketball game.

Basketball was a team sport. With only five returning players, the Lady Islanders had to achieve the team unity all over again. "It is really hard to play together with five returning team members. In the end, I believe we all pulled together and played some of our best basketball," senior Jennifer Staton said.

Returning for her last time, senior Jennifer Davison thought the team did well throughout the whole season. "Despite being one of the smallest teams in the district, I think we did good," Davison said.

Junior Kathleen Kreiger's opinion about how the girls played was positive. "We had a good season. It didn't end too early. We played in three tournaments and 14 games. The team played their best, given the amount of time we had," Kreiger said.

When the Ladies played against Tabb they lost, but junior Corie Forrest knew the team made the Tigers work hard for their victory. "Tabb thought they were great, but we played right along with them. It was a close game but they took it in the end," Forrest said.

During her first year playing with the varsity team, junior Shari Gross felt there was a disadvantage working against the team. "We were all short. I wasn't really intimidated when I was guarding someone a half foot taller than me, but when it came time to shoot, I would start to think twice about shooting over them," she said.

The Grafton team had taller players than the Ladies did. "We really tried to beat them, but Grafton had a little more height and that hurt us in rebounding," sophomore Meredith Cassell said.

The change of the district effected the basketball team. "When the district changed, Tabb came back and Grafton came in. It was a lot more competition and it gave more teams a chance at the district trophy," Forrest said.



Girls' Varsity Basketball

5-16

Nansemond Suffolk	16-41
Norfolk Collegiate	32-40
Norfolk Academy	36-74
Hampton Christian	50-28
Norfolk Academy	32-53
Norfolk Collegiate	36-46
York	30-42
Grafton	52-62
Tabb	24-32
Smithfield	48-21
Franklin	64-42
Bruton	42-28
Southampton	38-35
York	34-44
Grafton	25-38
Tabb	21-31
Smithfield	46-11
Franklin	35-37
Bruton	25-36
Southampton	38-41
Grafton	29-39



Girls' Varsity Basketball. Front Row: Megan Powell, Krystle Lambert, Corie Forrest, Captain Jennifer Davison, Kathleen Kreiger, Crystal Thrasher. Back Row: Meredith Cassel, Shari Gross, Jennifer Staton, Ann Stuart Cox, Vicki Firth, Nina Richardson.



Playing offense often meant having the other team's player blocking the ball. Junior Shari Gross plays offense despite Grafton's height. "It was tough enough that she had a couple inches on me, but she was always there blocking me. Also whenever I turned around she was pushing me," Gross said.

Warm-ups before a game consisted of practice shots, dribbling, passing and jogging. Freshman Ann Stuart Cox shoots from the three point line before the game. The team was given 20 minutes for warm-up.



Following coach Richard Routten's instructions to be aggressive, junior Corie Forrest steals the ball out of the hands of a Grafton player. "Grafton is a good ball team, and we had to play good defense and steal the ball everytime it was exposed," Forrest said.

At halftime coach Richard Routten pulled his team off to the side to give them a pep talk. While cooling off, freshman Krystle Lambert and juniors Crystal Thrasher, Kathleen Kreiger, and sophomore Megan Powell listen to the coach's advice.

Breaking Away

Young players roll through district

Erin Murphy

What do JV field hockey and JV basketball have in common? An almost undefeated season for both teams. JV field hockey finished its season with a 6-1-4 record. "I think we really wanted to finish off the season undefeated so we concentrated on playing well at every practice and focusing on what we had to do. Unfortunately, we were not totally undefeated, but we had a great record anyway," freshman Cassie McDaniel said.

The only game JV field hockey lost was their second game against Tabb. The final score was 0-1. "We were unable to defeat Tabb the second time around. Our first game we played them it was 1-0. Even though we lost, I still feel that we tried our best. The Tabb defense was just too strong," freshman Katie Lorigan said.

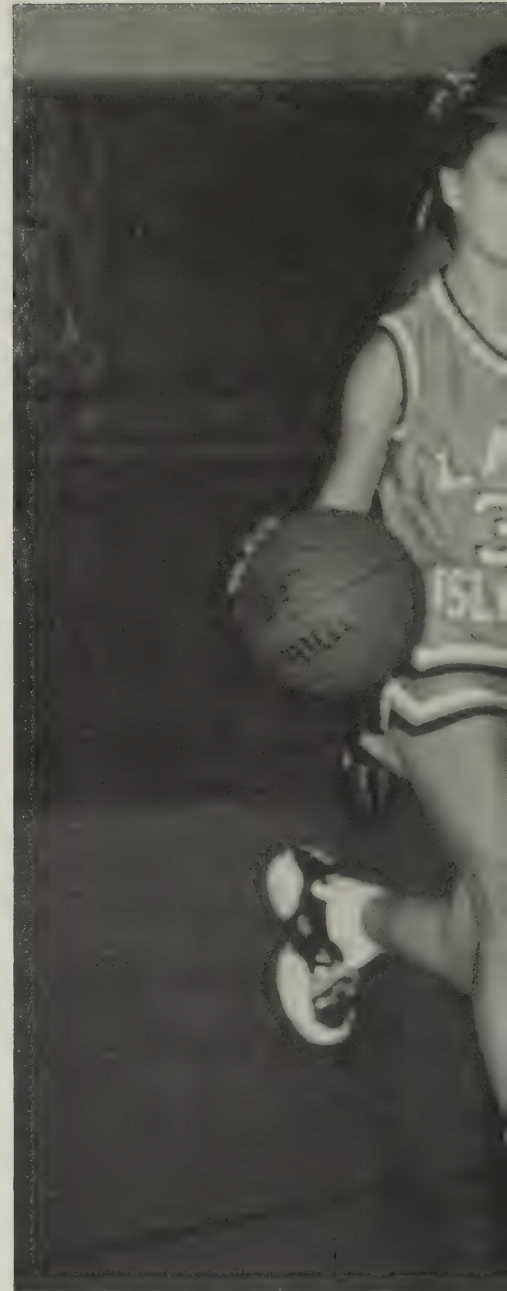
The first game of the season for JV field hockey was also their first green card. "The very first game of the season, against Warwick, I scored a goal and was so excited, I tossed my stick up in the air. I did not even notice I did something wrong until the referee blew her whistle and gave me a green card. Every game I had to watch and make sure I did not do it again," sophomore Mina Tabibi said.

The JV basketball team's final record was 16-1. Their one loss was a non-district game against Norfolk Collegiate at a tournament at the beginning of the season. The team was undefeated in their district. "The one game we lost, we were just not focused," sophomore Nicole Hicks said.

As a result of their undefeated district season, JV basketball won the district championship. "This was a great season for our team. Our defense is what won our games, which led to our district championship," sophomore Laura Jenkins said.

"We worked well as a team. I think all of the running in practice helped us out in the fourth quarters," freshman Kathleen Murphy said.

Although JV basketball and JV field hockey were different sports, they were similar in their nearly undefeated seasons.



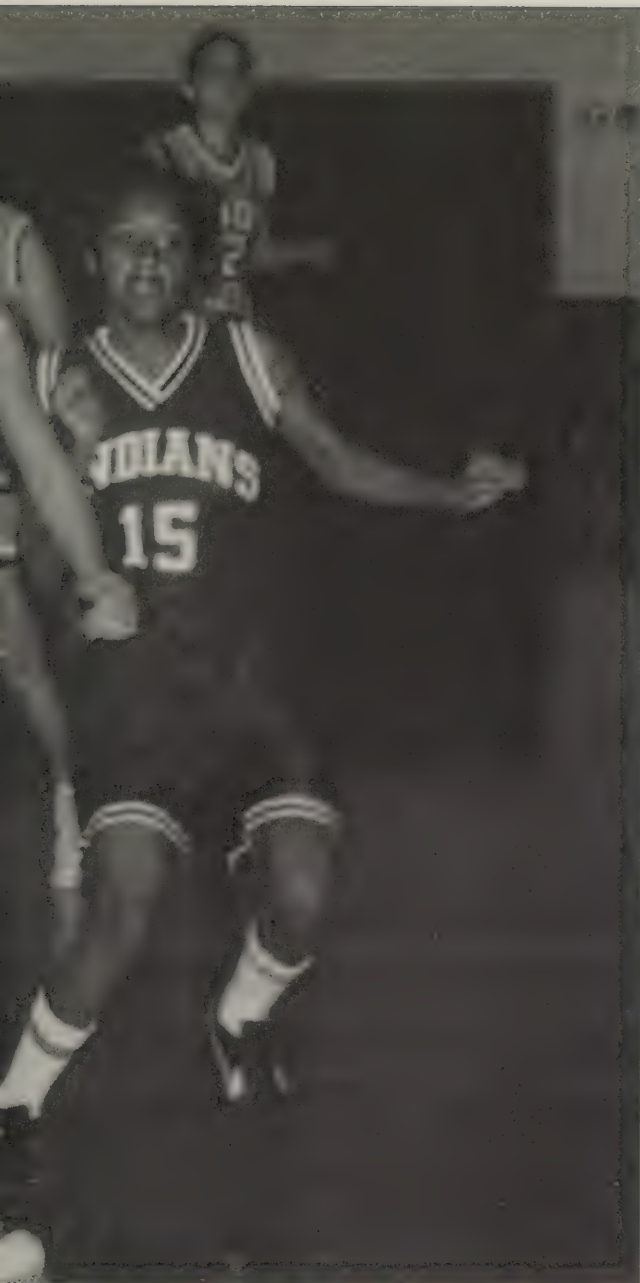
JV Girls' Basketball

16-1

Nansemond Suffolk Acad.	30-22
Norfolk Collegiate	32-40
Norfolk Academy	36-32
York	33-16
Grafton	37-16
Tabb	46-34
Smithfield	40-10
Franklin	56-33
Bruton	46-29
Southampton	50-34
York	44-29
Grafton	48-39
Tabb	28-26
Smithfield	35- 2
Franklin	33-24
Bruton	30-14
Southampton	42-19



JV Girls' Basketball. Front Row: Kelli Forrest, Jamie Gatz, Stacy Gross, Heather Wylie, Colleen Casey, Karli Hahn. 2nd Row: Leigh Jenkins, Laura Jenkins, Nicole Hicks, Holly McDaniel, Kathleen Murphy, Nikki Fischer, April Cassel, Coach Todd Bowden.



After receiving the rebound, eighth grader April Cassel dribbles down the court and goes for a layup. Even though she did not make her shot, the basketball team won 42-19 against Southampton.



Sprinting down the field and dribbling the ball was a drill the team often did at practice. Sophomore Amber Normandin is glad for the hard sprints and drills the team did everyday. "We really worked hard and our strenuous practices each day paid off when we won the majority of our games," Amber said.

Using quick movements with her hockey stick, freshman Julia Goldman turns around to stop the other team from advancing. "I always tried to beat the other team to the ball, even when I was tired and hot," Julia said.



JV Field Hockey. Sitting: Captains Cassie McDaniel, Katie Powell, Amber Normandin. Front Row: Katie Lorrigan, Sally Beazlie, Monika Sinson, Melissa Card, Mina Tabibi, Mandy Camblin, Candy Goodson. 2nd Row: Manager Lindsay Gallear, Katie Sanderson, Eden Fenigsohn, Mythli Rao, Diana Fithian, Katie Boyle, Meghan Steele, Lorri Singleton, Julia Goldman, Coach Candie Rice.

JV Field Hockey

6-1-4

Warwick	2-0
Heritage	9-0
Grafton	2-0
Tabb	1-0
York	1-0
Bruton	0-0
Grafton	1-1
Tabb	0-1
York	0-0
Bruton	1-0
Lafayette	0-0

Only the top 15 finishers in the district race advanced to the regional meet. Senior Becky David and junior Miranda Wichelns were among the top 15 and each received a medal. "I was so surprised. Usually the district race isn't this competitive. But as long as I was up and getting an award I was happy," Wichelns said.

The teammates gave each other tips on how to handle tight or sore muscles. Junior Alexis Ross shows senior Angela Taliaferro where her tight muscle is, hoping she can stretch it out. "I liked the group stretches because it gave us an opportunity to get our before-race jitters out. Plus I always got a better stretch than if I were to stretch alone," Ross said.



A strong team stuck together and stayed in a pack to make it harder for others to pass. Senior Jeff Scott, sophomore Jacob Inge and sophomore Mike Akers run as a group until the last 200 meters. From there each runner broke away to sprint a strong finish.

Right before a race started, sophomore Chris Harris did his final stretching. Senior Lee Olsen, junior Jon Parker and senior Brian Savage study the start of the course. They looked for the right place to take over Grafton. Running at a home meet gave the team an advantage.





Earning Recognition

District change means different competition

Becky David

Up and down the hilly terrain of the Yorktown battlefields, the cross country runner chased the foggy breath of the runner in front of him. The teammates woke up at 7 o'clock on Saturday mornings to practice the hill work. The girls' team, which often ran together for support, spotted other schools practicing and realized the change of Group AA.

After the district was moved around, the Tabb Tigers came back to Group AA. The district lost Lakeland and Nansemond River but gained several others. Region I gained nine more schools, adding up to 23 competing schools. The cross country team knew they had to get tough.

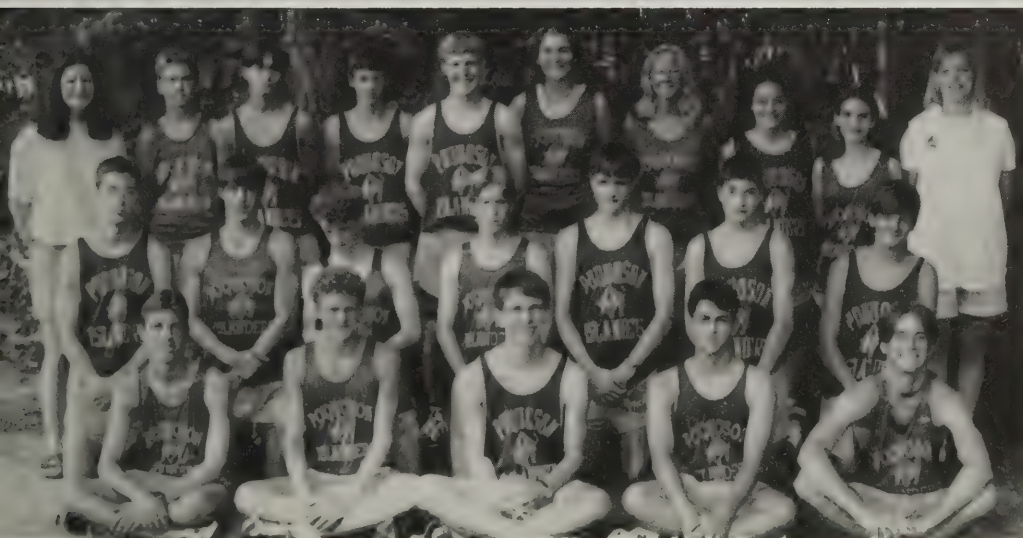
Junior Alexis Ross competed in the district, regional and state meets and noticed the difference in the number of teams. "If the district hadn't changed, I think that the team as a whole would have gone farther, maybe even to state. But the region was way more competitive and faster, too," Ross said.

Senior Bradley Ambrose had a different opinion. "I don't think the competition has gotten tougher, but I do think that we have become stronger, and as a result we ran better," Ambrose said. Ambrose was a four year veteran of the team and watched the team go through many changes.

Despite the revision in the district, the boys' team was able to defend their title for first place at the Peninsula Catholic Invitational. "We had our top five guys finish within the top 15 runners. We all got individual medals and the team received the championship trophy. I will always remember that race," senior Jeffrey Scott said.

The girls' team changed over the course of the season. Junior Elizabeth Render had a strategy against the opposing teams. "I start off with the pack, nice and strong, and then set my race pace. Towards the finish I decide where I am going to start sprinting, usually about 800 meters to the end. I try to beat as many girls as I can in the home stretch," she said.

Senior Brian Savage clued others in on what the sport was all about. "Running takes a lot of dedication, determination and desire. I call it my 3-Ds," he said.



Cross Country. Sitting: Patrick Johnson, Captain Jeff Scott, Captain Brad Ambrose, Brian Savage, Paul Keddell. Front Row: Lee Olson, Jacob Inge, Mike Akers, Robby Jenkins, Jon Parker, David Becker, Chris Render. Back Row: Manager Amanda Robertson, Aaron Gaul, Justin Williams, Chris Harris, Tim Mattson, Angela Taliaferro, Captain Becky David, Liz Render, Miranda Wichelns, Coach Terra LeVan.

Cross Country

Girls

4-2

Smithfield	15-48
Grafton	26-31
Tabb	27-29
Bruton	36-22
York	28-27
Southampton	18-48

Boys

3-3

Smithfield	16-43
Grafton	20-35
Tabb	39-20
Bruton	40-19
York	50-15
Southampton	15-47

Carding Birdies

Underclassmen lead team to third at regionals

Jason Bryant

The wind is at a slight breeze from the southeast, the fresh smell of pine trees is about, and the sand sits underneath your feet. You line up and take a swing. The small dimpled, spherical object lands within a foot of the long narrow pole.

"I was very proud of how our young players stepped up," Coach Ed Spain said. That could have been the theme for the golf team. They accomplished something that had never happened before. They won the Bay Rivers District golf title.

The team did not contain a single senior, but many returning underclassmen anchored the top eight. Four freshmen were on the squad. "We did good most of the time. I think the freshmen did well considering it was our first year of varsity golf," freshman Steve Purdy said.

Freshman J.B. Richardson finished just three strokes off the regular season titlist. Junior Ralph Mason, a third year member, provided experience for the younger players. "He really helped the team out with the younger guys," Coach Spain said.

The team finished 77 strokes ahead of rival York. Sophomores Skip Corneliussen, Russell Taylor, Ralph Mason, and J. B. Richardson all advanced to the Regionals as individuals as well.

The consistency of the entire team led to their third place regional finish, but they missed out on the state competition by four strokes. Coach Spain said, "We played a good round. York shot a career round."

"We shot fairly well every day. Our consistency was the key to us winning the district," freshman John Pauls said.

Although the team did not reach the state tournament, it was still a positive season. "Golf was new to me this year, so being able to make the first team and go to the regionals as a team made the year very successful," Richardson said.

"Golf was an up and down season for me. I was happy to make a strong finish," Mason said.



Golf

Team Scores

Poquoson	1942
York	2018
Tabb	2042
Grafton	2043
Franklin	2049
Smithfield	2074
Bruton	2223
Southampton	2378



Golf. Front Row: Mike Ferguson, Ricky Sledd, Steven Purdy, Ralph Mason, J.B. Richardson, Todd Goodson, John Pauls. Back Row: Coach Ed Spain, Russell Taylor, John Chapman, Tommy Morgan, Skip Corneliussen, Maurice Kaiser, Shawn Lacks.



Before teeing off at Smithfield Downs golf course, coach Ed Spain informs junior Ralph Mason and freshman J.B. Richardson about the tough holes. "I've played the course before, but coach told us what to watch out for," Richardson said.

On the ninth hole at Smithfield Downs, junior Tommy Morgan putts for par. He was successful in his attempt. After everyone finished the round, the team



On a hot day in September, sophomore Russell Taylor drives his shot towards the green. Russell spent most of the year in the number one spot. The team won the match, its ninth in eleven district matches.

Ice Cold Gravel

Jason Bryant

Tighten your wheels, lace up your boots, strap on your pads, and you're ready to fly.

An increasingly popular sport across the country was roller hockey. The sport boomed across the Peninsula. Several leagues were formed and a few contained students from Poquoson.

"I play in a league that played about five different places, as far as Kempsville and Franklin, but I usually skated at Plaza in Hampton," junior Robby Ankeney said.

The popularity of the sport also grew. "It's fun because there's blood in it, and it's fun to slam people into the boards," freshman Brandon Routten said.

"I like it because it's a fast-paced, action-packed sport," freshman Jon Abell said.

"And you get a stick, too!," freshman Mark Marconi said.

The advantages of roller hockey were also beneficial for fitness. "I like to skate around the track at Sentara and race my friends. It's tiring, but it's a really good workout," sophomore Jacob Inge said.

Whether it was the idea of beating a goalie through the five-hole, racing three miles in 12 minutes or just taking a leisurely roll through the neighborhood, roller hockey scored all over the country.

Wearing Spirit

Extra practices bring rewards

Becky David

Imagine yourself at the peak of the stunt, several feet in the air and trying not to look down. In your mind, you can not help wondering if the girl down below will keep hold of your feet. "Smile," your coach tells you, and you put on the biggest smile you can as you shout the last few words of the cheer, "Go Bulls, go."

Being up in the air, above everyone else, was sophomore Jamie Bundlie's favorite thing to do. "I love the stunts, especially when I'm flying. It's really fun because I know all eyes are on me, making sure I do it right. Plus, it gives me a rush when I'm soared up into the air," Bundlie said.

Whether it was a basketball game, football game, pep rally, or a regular school day, the cheerleaders spread their school spirit. "The first pep rally of the year had the most spirit that I have ever seen. It was so much fun cheering to such an excited crowd," senior Rachel Gilbert said.

Spirit week was the week before Homecoming and everyone was encouraged to participate in some way. Senior Gretchen Zohn saw the difference between the seniors' and the freshmen's spirit. "The underclassmen had a little trouble getting into it, but the seniors really came through for us. All of their togas were great," Zohn said.

The first competition the cheerleaders went to, they won first place and were invited to compete in another competition in Myrtle Beach, SC. The closeness of the girls helped them work together. "The squad was really excited. We worked really hard practicing our routine, and it paid off at the competition. Now we are headed to Myrtle Beach," senior Maura Garvey said.

For her first time being on the varsity team, sophomore Kristi Sutton loved the bond they shared. "I had so much fun being on the varsity squad. I think we did so well because we worked together so well," Sutton said.

Standing up in front of a big crowd and yelling cheers wasn't as easy as it seemed, according to freshman Amanda Metcalf. "This season was much harder than I thought it would be, but I had tons of fun. I guess that's all that matters, is that you go out and have fun," Metcalf said.



Fall Varsity Cheerleading. Sitting: Randi Webb, Jessica Mardis. Front Row: April Weaver, Jessica Dryden, Lindsey Reinholdt, Kristi Geppert, Stacy Stone. Back Row: Emily Shepherd, Rachel Gilbert, Remle Diggs, Gretchen Zohn, Sarah Kreiger, Jaclyn Smith.



Fall Junior Varsity Cheerleading. Sitting: Jenny Morgan, Amber Freeman. Front Row: Amanda Zohn, Sara Diehl, Kristi Sutton, Tabitha Cormony. Back Row: Renate Newman, Jamie Bundlie, Blair White, Jenny Shores, Tracie VanHeeswyk, Lisa Schwenniker.



As part of a homecoming tradition, senior Drew Whitam pins a maroon and gold flower on junior Lindsey Reinholdt's jersey. Each cheerleader wore a jersey with a senior football player's number on it to show their support. "We pinned the flowers on them to show our appreciation toward them. After all, the girls did do a lot for us," Whitam said.



The JV squad put their own shows on during JV sports' halftimes. Freshman Jenny Morgan runs onto the court and begins her cheering. Being on the JV squad gave the girls the experience they needed to be successful when they tried out for the varsity squad.

Halftime shows consisted of stunts and cheers. Juniors Tammi Perok, Kristi Geppert, and April Weaver form a V shape while cheering to the crowd. "Cheering for the basketball games was much better than being outside in the cold and rainy weather. Plus the gym made us sound a lot louder," Geppert said.



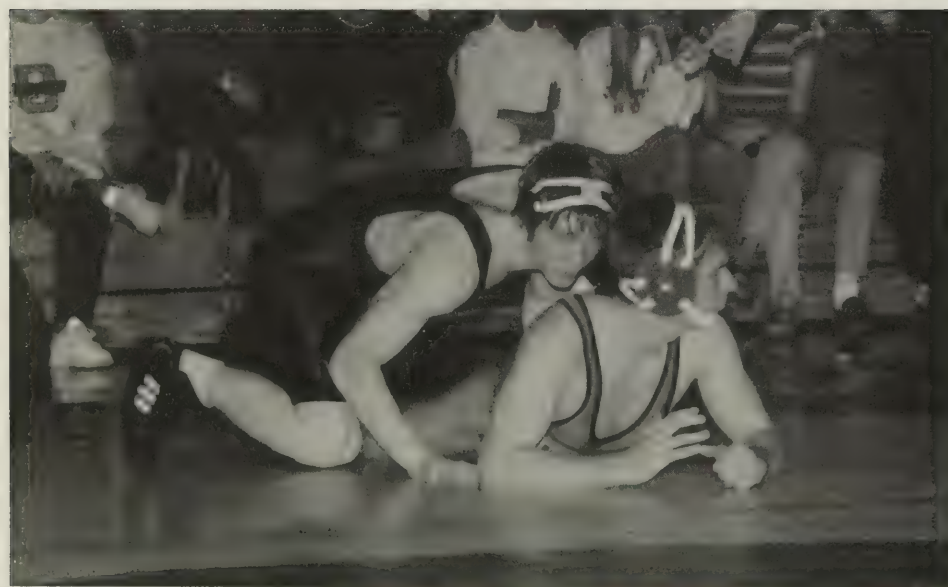
Winter Varsity Cheerleading. Sitting: Rachel Gilbert, Sarah Kreiger, Emily Shepherd, Remle Diggs. Front Row: Tammi Perok, Jamie Bundlie, Heather Arms, Randi Webb, Jessica Mardis. Back Row: Lindsey Reinholdt, Kristi Geppert, Corie Forrest, April Weaver, Kristi Sutton, Stacy Stone.



Winter Junior Varsity Cheerleading. Sitting: Sara Davenport, Tabitha Carmony, Sara Diehl, Blair White, Jenny Shores. Back Row: Jennifer Conway, Amanda Metcalf, Amber Freeman, Candy Goodson, Michele Marshall, Renate Newman, Jenny Morgan.

Placing his opponent's shoulders to the mat, sophomore Jacob Inge awaits the slap of the mat by referee Rob Johnston. Jacob wrestled 152 the majority of the season and placed fourth at state.

By coming back for another year, wrestling coach Billy Ruff ended a five-year run of one-year coaches. In his second year he guided the Islanders to their second consecutive state runner-up finish. He coached eleven wrestlers who placed at state. This was a school record.



At the end of the first period, senior state champ Brad Fitzpatrick looks towards the bench for instructions. Brad, who wrestled 160, pinned his Grafton opponent enroute to a 34-2 record. His only losses were to the AAA state champion and the prep national champion.

Using an inside step to gain the advantage over his opponent, senior Jason Forrest anticipates his next move. "I like to take a lot of shots so I can wear my opponent down," Forrest said. He later pinned his Grafton opponent, helping the team win 81-0.



Shooting High

Grapplers place second in state

Jason Bryant

A sport where only you can prove that you are the best. A sport where you have nothing to hide. A sport where you are on center stage. That sport is wrestling.

The varsity wrestling team began the year with the goal of winning the state title and ending Grundy's ten-year run. That almost happened, but Grundy kept the title for another year.

The team went 16-2 in dual meet competition, including two victories at Northern Virginia tournaments. They ventured to the Fairfax tournament for the past four seasons, and the Herndon tournament allowed both JV and varsity wrestlers to compete. "The best part of the Herndon tournament was that I was a JV wrestler and placed fifth," junior Tim Mattson said.

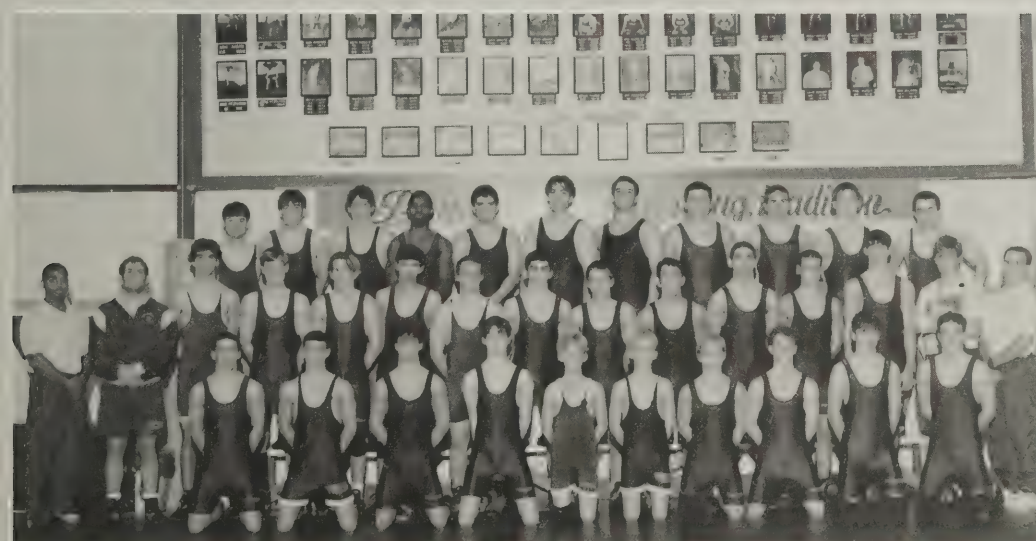
The biggest victory of the year was when the team won the Top Gun Division of the Virginia Duals. They beat nine-time Vermont state champions Mount St. Anthony Union in the finals, and earned a national ranking for the first time in the wrestling program's history. "It was a great feeling. Just to know that you were one of the top teams in the country was exciting," senior George Gori said.

The individual honors were also high. Sophomore Mike Akers and senior Brad Fitzpatrick each succeeded in winning their second state title. Both grapplers defeated returning state champions in the state finals. Gori also made the finals, but lost a close match to Grundy's Jimmy Griffey.

Akers' goal at the beginning of the season was to win the state title and go undefeated. He finished 35-0. "I accomplished my goals by working hard in the off-season, and wrestling people from other states," Akers said.

"We were successful because of two reasons. We had a great coaching staff for the second year in a row. We are all very tight. We're like family, and that helps, especially during tournaments," Fitzpatrick said.

When it came to state, some were disappointed. "It was very disappointing. We didn't win the team championship, and I fell two points shy of the state finals," sophomore Joey Miskell said.



Wrestling. Front row: Brian Bunting, Justin Moore, Shawn Gillispie, Brandon Fitzpatrick, Ryan Hudgins, Ross Hudgins, Sammy Brown, Mike Akers, Joey Miskell, David Mattson. Middle Row: Coach Mark Billiups, Coach Allen Hackman, Chris Fowler, Tim Mattson, Josh Insley, D.J. Ward, Tim Henley, Jason Forrest, Jamie Holloway, George Gori, Jerrod Hurr, Brian Freeman, Jacob Inge, Cody Lawrence, Coach Billy Ruff. Back Row: Brian Jordan, Jeremy Gregg, Graham Hunt, Jimmy Pierce, Emile Cochet, Brett Dorrance, Dan McAdams, Curtis Booth, Josh Hurr, Brad Fitzpatrick, Josh Hollingsworth.

Wrestling 16-2

Woodbridge	55-12
Gloucester	9-16
Grafton	81-0
Tabb	47-21
Southampton	77-0
Northampton	66-5
Nandua	68-11
Bruton	62-9
Currituck	63-9
Gloucester	56-19
Great Bridge	38-23
Mt. Anthony Union	43-20
Franklin	81-0
York	69-6
Great Bridge	24-37
Lake Taylor	59-18
Princess Anne	58-15
Tallwood	26-40

Setting up

Ladies regional runners-up; Finish 21-4

Jason Bryant

The ball comes at you at an impressive rate. You quickly bump the ball to the setter. A perfect set is coming your way. Several things pass through your mind as you approach the net. Your leap is flawless and soon your opponents will find out that so is your spike. Kill. You win the match.

The return to the state tournament topped off the volleyball team's 21-4 season and regional runner-up finish. "We had a good season because the team got along well. We didn't have to worry about everyone fighting so we had more time to concentrate on winning," senior Tracy Morse said.

"The team got along great. I have never been on a team that had such a sense of team spirit. We won together and lost together," senior Gretchen Zohn said.

Three blemishes on the record were courtesy of the team's main district rival Bruton. "The rivalry with Bruton had a positive effect on us. It made the team work a lot better," senior Angie Houston said.

Coach Brian Bauer was the head coach, and the members of the team sang his praises as a person and a coach. "He is a great coach! He always had faith in the team no matter how we were playing and he always kept us motivated to play our best," senior Valerie Sledd said.

The state tournament game against Region II powerhouse Stuarts Draft did not bring the outcome desired, but making the state tournament was enough.

"This year was the most successful that this team has ever had. Everyone had the desire to win and it took us to the state tournament. It was a great way to end my last year on the team," senior Maura Garvey said.

Despite the state loss, four Lady Islanders were named to the all-district teams. Seniors Jennifer Davison and Garvey were on the first team all-district and Zohn was on the second team. Junior Nina Richardson was an honorable mention. Davison and Garvey were named to the Region I team as well. Davison was the district and co-regional player of the year. Davison was also named *Daily Press* volleyball player of the year.



Volleyball

16-2

Tabb	2-0
Southampton	2-0
Grafton	2-1
Tabb	2-0
Arcadia	2-0
Grafton	2-1
Arcadia	2-1
Smithfield	2-0
Bruton	0-2
Franklin	2-1
York	2-0
Tabb	2-1
Southampton	2-1
Grafton	2-0
Smithfield	2-0
Bruton	1-2
Franklin	2-0
York	2-1



Varsity Volleyball. Front Row: Becky Marlowe, Maura Garvey, Liz Render, Valerie Sledd, Gretchen Zohn, Jennifer Davison, Angie Houston, Shari Gross. Back Row: Announcer Jason Bryant, Beth Ann Thomas, Amanda Robertson, Vicki Firth, Nina Richardson, Tracy Morse, Karen Feigh, Danielle Kukich, Coach Brian Bauer.



While on the floor, senior Jennifer Davison passes to a waiting teammate. Jennifer led the team in aces and assists, and became the *Daily Press* player of the year. She was also the first Poquoson volleyball player named co-regional player of the year.

In midair, senior Maura Garvey takes her turn to serve. A team's ability to serve directly effected the outcome because a team scored points while it had the serve. In her attempt against Southampton, Garvey was successful and scored the final points of the match.



As volleyball protocol reads, the last two minutes of pre-game warmups were for serving back and forth between teams. Before a home game against Tabb, junior Shari Gross and senior Gretchen Zohn wait for the balls.

"Get me a towel"

Becky David

A stream of players are getting off the bus. After the long line of players listening to their walkmans, one person lags behind. This person holds in his or her hand a rack of water bottles, armful of towels, and a large bag of equipment. Who is this person? It's none other than the manager.

Filling up water bottles, putting stat sheets in order and getting out the equipment were just a few things on the checklist managers had in order to get ready for the game.

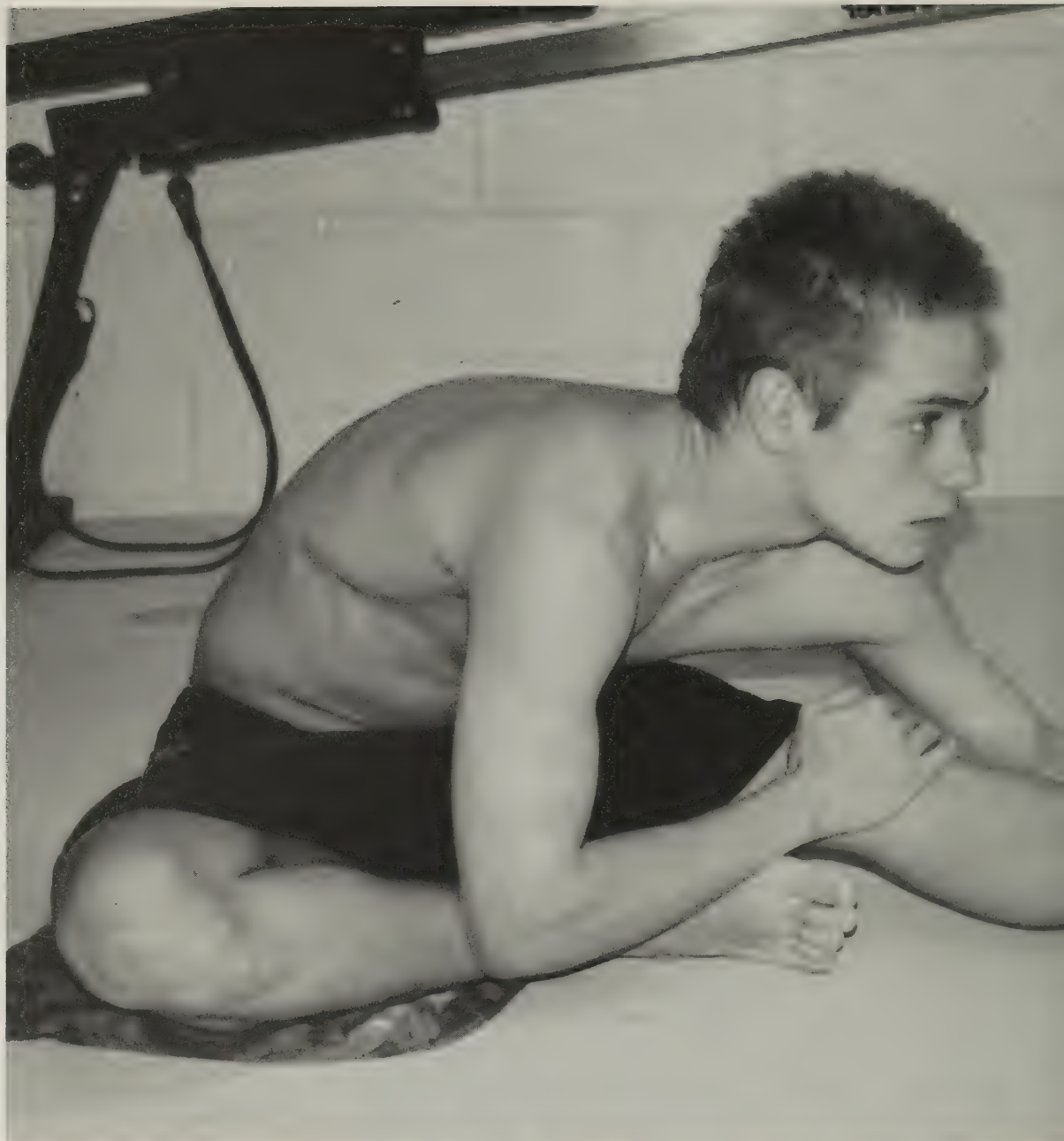
Managers had a great amount of responsibility, more than most people thought. "I usually get the books and stat sheets in order about two hours before game time. I also have to set up the scoreboard and tables, too. It's not very hard to do because I've done this type of thing for a long time," senior Jason Bryant said.

Carrying heavy bags wasn't a manager's dream; however, managing did have some good points.

"The best thing is getting to leave school early to go to the games. I was always called down to the office to get snacks for the players a few minutes before the baseball players. The worst thing about being the baseball manager was carrying Tyler Evans' catchers' bag," senior Jessica Jenks said.

A good stretch was required of all swimmers before they jumped into the cold water. Junior Ian Lamprecht loosens up his hamstring minutes before the 500 meter freestyle heat is called. Lamprecht dominated in the 500 meter, beating Grafton.

The 400 meter relay consisted of four swimmers, each swimming four laps. At the Tabb meet, junior Alexis Ross wipes her goggles and steps up to the block to swim the last leg of the relay. The girls' team beat Tabb's relay team.



As he pushes the air out of his cap, senior Cody Camblin hopes it will not cause him to lag in the water. After his cap and goggles were on, Cody stretched and became mentally prepared for his swim.

Upon completing the 100 meter back stroke, freshman Will Powell recovers in the cool water. Coach Carol Prentiss asked the team to stay in the water until everyone had finished, to show others their good sportsmanship.



Loosening Up

Girls prove ability at state

Becky David

Underwater all you hear is your hands gliding you through the water. In the split second that you lean over to breath, you see the coach waving her arm in a scooping motion, as if she can actually push you through the water. Then you see all your teammates cheering for you. You put your head back in the water and charge the big black "T" on the wall up ahead.

The girls' team glided their way to a second place finish in the state, losing by 11 points to Grafton. "We finished better than what everyone else expected us to. In doing so, we proved ourselves to be one of the best," senior Erin Gooding said.

Sacrifices were made for the state meet. "I was surprised at what some of the members of my 4x400 meter relay did to get a faster time. We accomplished a lot in and out of the water because of everyone's enthusiasm," senior Cody Camblin said. The boys' team finished fourth overall at the state meet.

Even though both teams lost to Grafton, Katy Powell knew there was always next time. "We can beat them. A lot of eighth graders are coming up to add depth to the team. All we need is another chance," Powell said.

With every year came new swimmers, but it also meant that the seniors left the team and graduated. "I will miss the swim team next year and all of the fun we had. I received a lot of support and encouragement from the team. The closeness we all shared and the friendship we developed will be missed the most," senior Melissa Moore said.

The majority of the swimmers were seniors. "I feel that we had the best team we have ever had before. But unfortunately, we will lose most of our swimmers because they are seniors," junior Ian Lamprecht said.

Memories and new stories were made at every swim meet. Senior Colleen Bresnan was in the 4x400 meter relay that was disqualified. "When we swam Maury, one of the rookie swimmers was so nervous that she dove in too early. She was supposed to wait until the girl before her swam four laps, instead she allowed her to swim only two. Later, when we realized what had happened, we all laughed about it," Bresnan said.



Swimming. Front Row: Megan Steele, Colleen Bresnan, Jaclyn Smith, Claire Shanafelt, Alexis Ross, Will Powell, Erin Gooding, Melissa Moore, Amanda Moore. Second Row: Melissa Fishman, Marissa Austin, Julia Goldman, Leah Snyder, Terri Parrish, Amy Hultman, Becky David, Katy Lorigan, Rachel Fithian. Third Row: Stephanie Skinner, Jennifer Chung, Katie Powell, Matt Shepherd, Jon Lange, Andrew Shtulman, Ryan Hall, Jeff Scott, Chris Lorigan, Jason Abbott. Back Row: Chris Carter, Cory Dannels, Ian Lamprecht, Jarrett Yehlen, Cody Camblin, Coach Carol Prentiss.

Swimming

Girls 11-1

Lake Taylor-Norview	147-87-37
York-Grafton	121-73-102
Maury-Granby	133-105-58
HRA-Cape Henry	95-113-90
Tabb-Grafton	60-35-32
Catholic-Pen. Catholic	135-90-66

Boys 10-2

Lake Taylor-Norview	146-102-37
York-Grafton	103-63-97
Maury-Granby	118-108-48
HRA-Cape Henry	123-124-59
Tabb-Grafton	44-28-50
Catholic/Pen. Catholic	153-97.5-50.5

Sitting Out

Erin Murphy

Cheering loudly, watching fellow teammates, sitting on the uncomfortable bench. These were all things benchwarmers endured in the course of a game.

Benchwarmers were talented enough to make the team; however, they lacked the skills to start in the games. "I really tried hard in tryouts. I made the team, but I sat the bench the whole season," junior Tommy Morgan said about his spot on the basketball team.

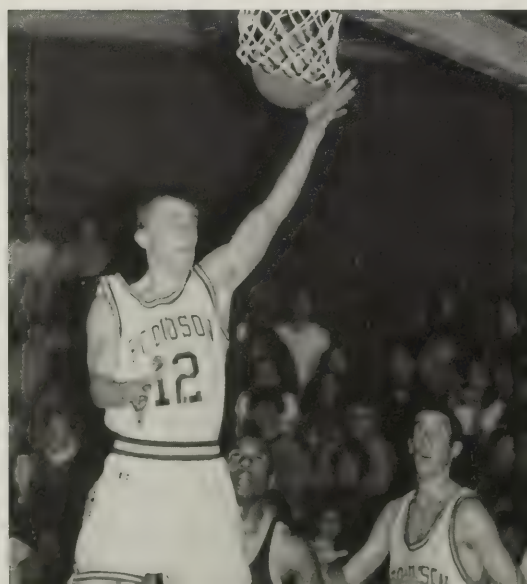
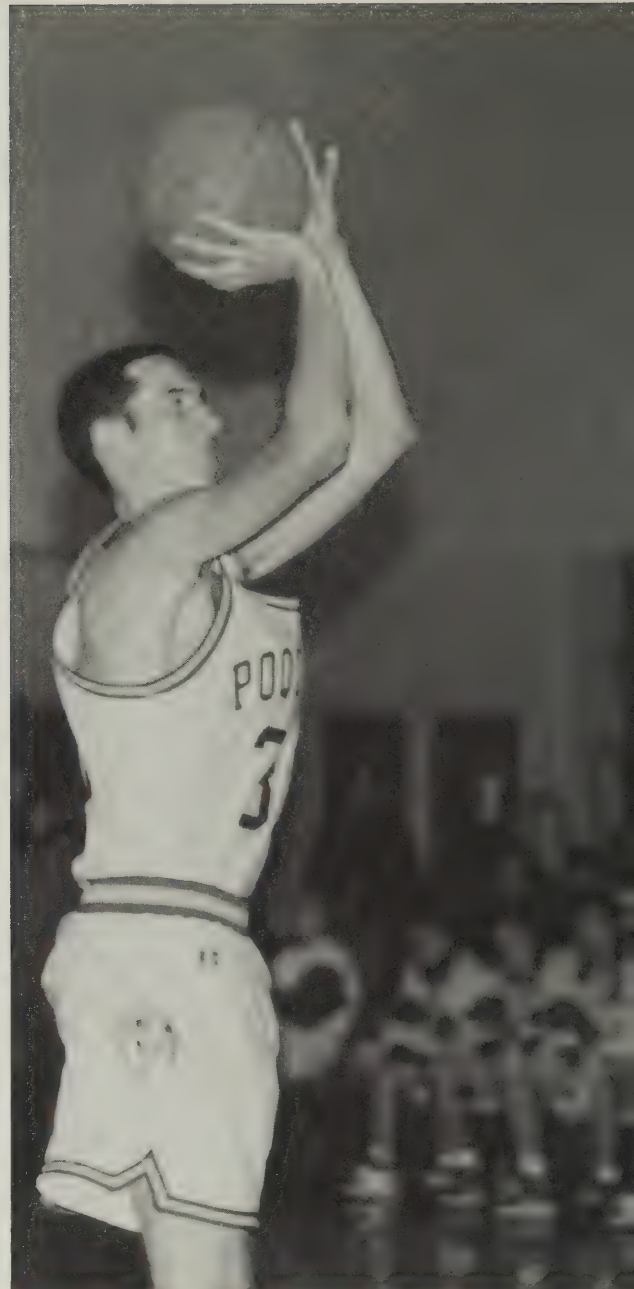
There were others who sat out for different reasons. "I had to sit out during the basketball games because I could not make my sprints so I sat there and talked to my friends and cheered on my teammates," junior Kathleen Kreiger said.

Since benchwarmers only participated in the games occasionally, they had a chance to cheer on fellow teammates. "The biggest thing you had to deal with while sitting the bench is what to do. On the baseball team you usually get stuck with keeping pitches or the book. Sometimes if you are lucky you get to warm up the right fielder. But most of the time you cheer on the people who are playing," sophomore Paul Keddell said.

Benchwarmers may have sat the bench due to lack of skill or missing practice. Even though benchwarmers did not play, they still contributed to the team by cheering, keeping scores, and helping out the players.

While shooting a jump shot, senior Joe Flannery is blocked by Mathew's Tracy Pope. Joe made the basket. "Sometimes I get nervous when I have to play against guys that are bigger than me, but I try to overcome those odds and play to the best of my ability," Joe said.

Going for the rebound, senior Mike Andriuniunas regains possession of the ball. Mike was one of the starting guards for the Islanders. Other guards on the team were juniors Ryan Hunter and Pedro Garcia.



The crowd watches as junior Jason Koptish runs down the court. "We really had great fans this year. Every game all the stands were filled, we had the biggest and loudest crowd in the district. They helped us win games we needed to win," Jason said.



Aiming High

New coach leads team through season

Erin Murphy

What team won its first district game in three years? What team overcame the odds to finish the season 8-13? The varsity boys' basketball team!

The team's new coach led them through the season with wins against Grafton, Smithfield, and Hampton Christian. "I think our whole team really respected Coach Bowden and believed in his philosophy. He took our team through the ups and downs of the season. A lot of people improved from his coaching," junior Jason Koptish said.

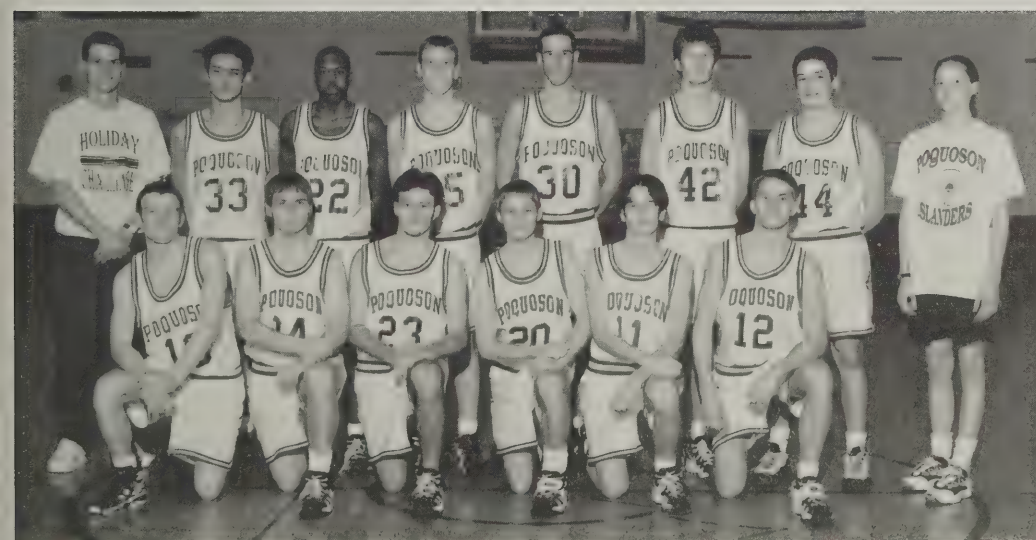
In addition to a new coach, the basketball team also achieved their best record in three years. Along with their 8-13 overall record, they had a 4-10 district record. "This year we had a coach who cared if we won or not. Coach Bowden also did not put up with anything. He made us work hard and play hard," freshman David Stutt said.

To get ready for their games, the basketball team had to run sprints, do drill practicing, and work on shooting. "Practices were the worst experiences of my life. It was torture. But I felt that they prepared us for our hard games," junior Pedro Garcia said.

Along with their eight wins, the basketball team also had their losses. "I think the toughest game we played was when we played Bruton away. It was hard to move the ball up the court because they were pressing so bad. Even though we lost, it was a tiring game," senior Joe Flannery said.

Like most sports teams, the basketball team had its share of setbacks. "Some of the things that we had going against us were the lack of experience, the fact that we didn't have a star player, and that we were, as Coach Bowden put it, the smallest team in the nation," senior Kevin Jones said.

Overall, the basketball team, led by their new coach, came out of the season with a better record than the last three years combined. "I think we did real well. We tried our hardest in practice. Our whole team wanted to have a successful season, and we did. However, nobody expected us to do as well as we did," sophomore Grayson Bunting said.



Varsity Boys' Basketball. Front Row: Kevin Jones, Tommy Crittenden, Grayson Bunting, Ryan Hunter, Jason Koptish, Mike Andriiliunas. Back Row: Coach Todd Bowden, Pedro Garcia, Sam Cowles, David Stutt, Joe Flannery, Tommy Morgan, Albert Bowden, Kathleen Murphy, manager.

Varsity Basketball

8-13

Hampton Christian	64 - 62
Mathews	44 - 56
Tabb	34 - 48
Southampton	30 - 46
Mathews	58 - 53
Norfolk Collegiate	61 - 53
Nansemond Suffolk	54 - 45
Hampton Roads Academy	48 - 64
Grafton	43 - 39
Smithfield	43 - 42
Bruton	37 - 51
Hampton Christian	69 - 65
Franklin	41 - 54
York	35 - 52
Tabb	28 - 54
Southampton	34 - 50
Grafton	46 - 43
Smithfield	53 - 31
Bruton	43 - 52
Franklin	51 - 60
York	35 - 59

Reaching Goals

New players, inexperience contribute to wins

Erin Murphy

JV volleyball and JV boys' basketball: new coaches, new players, winning games. These were the words that summed up both teams' seasons.

Basketball came out of the season with a 4-10 record in districts and a 7-11 record overall. "I think we had a little edge against each of our opponents. For the first time in a while we were actually bigger inside than a few of our opponents. Other than blocking out and rebounding, I feel like our big men were as good as the opponent's big men," sophomore Paul Keddell said.

In addition to new players from the middle school, such as eighth-grader Matt Quenville, the team also had a new coach. Coach Richard Routten coached girls' basketball in the fall, but this was his first time at coaching boys' JV basketball. "I felt that Coach Routten really pushed us and expected us to do our very best," freshman Steven Purdy said.

JV volleyball finished with a 9-5 record. "I think our team did very well overall, but towards the end of the season we were a little too overconfident and lost a lot of games we shouldn't have," sophomore Shannon Nobile said.

The Lady Islanders had new players join the team. "I think some of the setbacks of our team this year were that we had several new players plus a new coach so we had to learn to all work together first before we could play well," sophomore Amber Normandin said.

The volleyball team came out of the season with nine wins. "Some of the advantages we had over other teams was that we communicated well together and had great serving," sophomore Megan Powell said.

Even though volleyball had a winning season, they had their share of tough losses. "One of our toughest games was against York. It was our last game of the season. As a team we all played pretty well, but we ended up losing," sophomore Laura Jenkins said.

New players, winning games, and new coaches were all elements of both the volleyball and basketball teams.



JV Volleyball

9-5

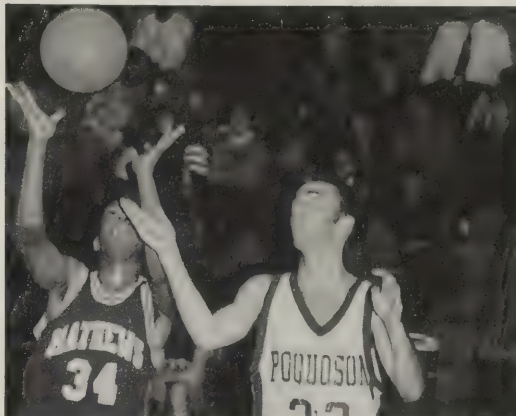
Tabb	2-0
Southampton	2-0
Grafton	2-0
Smithfield	2-0
Bruton	0-2
Franklin	2-1
York	0-2
Tabb	2-1
Southampton	1-2
Grafton	2-1
Smithfield	2-0
Bruton	2-1
Franklin	0-2
York	1-2



JV Volleyball. Front Row: Stacy Gross, Lisa Schwenneker, Tracy VanHeeswyk, Laura Jenkins, Ann Stuart Cox, Leslie Jones, Amber Normandin. 2nd Row: Coach Rochelle Bailey, Alexis Pappas, manager, Shannon Nobile, Krystle Lambert, Kimberly Garrett, Jamie Gatz, Christy McIntyre, Megan Powell, Whitney Allen, Coach Dana Forrest.



While dribbling down the court, eighth-grader Matt Quenville is guarded by his Mathews opponent. After Matt dodged around his opponent he passed the ball to his teammate. This play led the Islanders to scoring.



As the Mathews opponent goes up for the rebound, sophomore Paul Keddell tries to grab the ball first. The Islanders finished the game with a win. "The Mathews game was one of our many close games. We didn't play up to our level until the end. But fortunately we pulled this game out," Keddell said.

Digging the ball before it goes into the net, sophomore Megan Powell keeps it in play. Because Megan was one of the setters it was her job to get the balls that were headed towards the net. The lady Islanders won over Smithfield 2-1.



JV Boys' Basketball. Front Row: Adam Stout, Skip Banton, Todd Goodson, Matt Quenville, John Pauls, Ricky Fiedler, Jason Freeman, Steven Purdy. Back Row: Nicole Hicks, manager, Coach Richard Routten, Andy Corbett, Dan Pruitt, George Hudgins, Jesse Dunlap, Paul Keddell, Jeff Parker, Josh Gardner, Colleen Casey, manager.

JV Boys' Basketball

4-10

Tabb	42-61
Southampton	51-53
Grafton	34-33
Smithfield	40-48
Bruton	35-47
Franklin	37-50
York	45-30
Tabb	33-62
Southampton	32-67
Grafton	55-44
Smithfield	48-50
Bruton	50-52
Franklin	39-47
York	42-41

Staying Low

Lady Islanders end season short of goal

Meghan Steele

I said all right, hey hey, that's the Islander Way."

The "Islander Way" for this team was to play hard, tough softball, demolishing their opponents, but also to have fun while doing it.

With wins of 18-0 and 23-0 over Portsmouth Christian and Smithfield, the Lady Islanders opened their season with a bang. They went on to win two more games before they fell to Wilson High School 3-0. "We didn't communicate in the outfield very much and a lot of balls got past us. We could have backed each other up better. When we don't talk to each other we don't play as well," junior center-fielder Beth Ann Thomas said. This was the team's only loss until the regional quarterfinals.

Winning wasn't the only thing that the softball team was known for. Their spirit in the dugouts was just as notable. Their dugout was never silent throughout a game. "This was one of the best years I've had on the softball team because everybody got along so well and we all supported each other. We always cheered each other on. We were a really close team on and off the field," junior left-fielder Randi Webb said. The Lady Islanders made their presence known on the field not only by their tough play, but by their enthusiasm as well.

The season that was cut short by the regional quarterfinal loss to Bluestone, 2-6, will be stamped in each player's memory for years to come, but especially the seniors. For the seniors it meant the ending to a chapter in their softball career which was filled with memories of district and regional championships, fun and friendships on the field. "I'm really going to miss playing with these girls. I just wish it had lasted longer. We all had hoped to go further," senior shortstop Jennifer Davison said.

Communication, batting, the addition of rookies, spirit and hard work were all contributing factors to the softball team's winning season. "We had a lot of fun this year. We worked well together and all got along. That and hard work helped us play better. I'm going to miss them," senior first baseman Christina Dominguez said. The softball team obviously showed their opponents that it was either going to be the "Islander Way" or the highway.



Varsity Softball

19-2

Portsmouth Christian	18-0
Smithfield	23-0
Grafton	5-2
Norfolk Collegiate	4-0
Wilson	0-3
Booker T. Washington	18-2
Tabb	5-2
Bruton	19-2
York	8-3
Southampton	24-1
Smithfield	14-0
Grafton	7-0
Tabb	3-1
York	4-0
Franklin	17-0
Southampton	15-0
Franklin	12-0
Bruton	9-2
York	6-2
Tabb	7-6
Bluestone	2-6



Girls' Varsity Softball. Sitting: Angie Houston, Christina Dominguez, Jennifer Davison. Front Row: Megan Powell, Randi Webb, Tammi Perok, Laura Jenkins, Sarah Walker, Krystle Lambert. Back Row: Renee Booth, Shari Gross, Jeff Gross, Beth Ann Thomas, Rikki Stetson, Jenny Martin, coach Ed Spain, Nicole Hicks, coach Becky Morrison.



In ready position, senior third baseman Angie Houston watches the pitch. "In games I try to stay low because in practice the only thing Coach tells me is to get my butt down," Angie said. Although few opposing batters got a hit, the infield and outfield were always ready.

Getting in the box, lefthanded, freshman Krystle Lambert prepares to slap bunt. Players slap bunted from the right side of the box in order to gain an extra step to first base. Lambert was out at first, but she advanced the base runner to scoring position at second base.

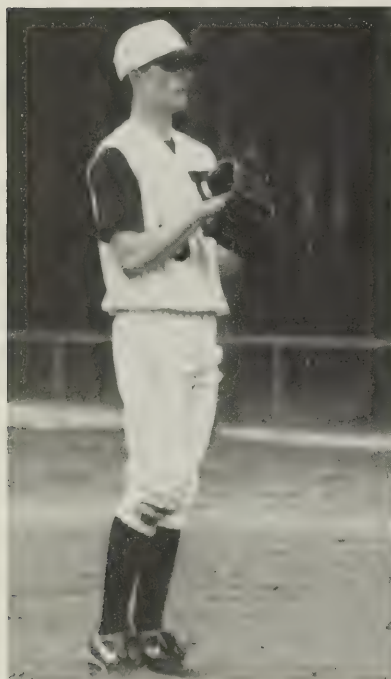


At bat against Southhampton, senior Jennifer Davison is hit with a wild pitch. "I tried to dodge the pitch, but when it hit me I knew I was taking one for the team. It didn't really hurt," Jennifer said. Jennifer received a free base.

Before the start of a game, coach Ed Spain tosses the new game ball to freshman starting pitcher Jenny Martin. A new ball was used for every game. During warm-ups Jenny threw the ball and made sure to get dirt on it, which was tradition.

In the first inning against York, sophomore Travis Butler throws out York's Chris Gentrup. Travis started every game at third base for the team the last two seasons, and batted in the number four spot in the line-up. He finished with a .389 batting average and a .945 fielding percentage.

Starting down his Grafton opponent, senior Chris Riley decides on his next pitch. Riley led the team in victories and strikeouts, and also led the team offensively. He was voted to the Bay Rivers District first team as a pitcher and outfielder.



After a quick inning, sophomore Todd Goodson and senior Dan Mathis return to the dugout. "We try to get back on offense so we can give our pitcher's some run support," Goodson said. The team beat Grafton 6-0.

In his third year as the starting catcher, junior Tyler Evans emerged as one of the team's leaders. Against Grafton, he awaits the pitch from Chris Riley. He threw out the majority of opposing base runners who tried to steal on him.



Throwing Out

Late season surge sends team to state

Jason Bryant

You step into the box, and settle in. Banging the mud off your cleats, you stare down your enemy. You take your final warm-up swing as the pitcher starts his windup. The pitch is high. Ball one. The next pitch is looking good, and you take a swing. The rawhide white ball is hurling through the atmosphere. It's gone. As you round the bases and cross homeplate, congratulatory slaps on the back, high fives and the coach's praise all greet you.

The baseball team's season started with a swoon that saw them drop five of their first seven games, but at one point during the year, they had won 13 of 15 games.

Seniors Chris Riley, Mike Andriiliunas, Todd Ploetner and Dan Mathis returned into the starting line-up. Sophomores Grayson Bunting, Travis Butler, and Todd Goodson took care of three-quarters of the infield and gave the Islanders one of the best double play tandems in the Bay Rivers. "The youth in the infield is a definite advantage. We have players we can count on to get the job done defensively," Andriiliunas said.

The team hit bottom early in the season after a 13-7 loss to private school Hampton Christian. "That loss made us look at the season a different way. We had lost to Smithfield and Hampton Christian, and we put it in gear," Butler said.

With an 11-3 district record, they needed to beat York to advance to the team's first regional appearance since 1992. They won that game 6-1. One week later, they traveled to Louisa County as heavy underdogs. The result was a 9-1 pounding of the Lions. Later in the week, they found themselves in a familiar position, needing to beat the York Falcons to advance, only this time it was to state.

As they had done several times during the course of the year, the Islanders found a way to pull it out in the bottom of the seventh, 4-3. They lost in the regional finals to Tabb, a team that beat them all four times during the season. "Tabb was a good team, we had our chances to beat them in all four games, but they're one of the best teams in the state. They beat Western Albermarle the day after the Warriors smashed us," Bunting said.

"Our record was deceiving, but we had a great year. I'm glad to have ended my high school career with a great bunch of players and a trip to the state tournament," Riley said.

"What a season, I didn't know what to expect, but I'm glad it went the way it did," Goodson said.



Varsity Baseball. Front Row: Todd Ploetner, Mike Brooks, Jimmy DeWitt, Grayson Bunting, Todd Goodson, John Bell, Dan Mathis, Travis Butler. Back Row: Statistician Jason Bryant, Tyler Evans, Shawn Lacks, Mike Andriiliunas, Paul Keddell, Brian O. Bunting, Chris Riley, Emile Cochet, David Stutt, Coach George Yeager.

Baseball 15-9

Clearfield	4-1
Smithfield	2-3
Grafton	6-0
North Bergen	4-6
North Bergen	0-6
Tabb	3-5
Hampton Christian	7-13
Bruton	10-5
York	6-5
Southampton	7-3
Grafton	17-1
York	9-6
Tabb	3-14
Franklin	8-2
Smithfield	3-2
Southampton	4-3
Franklin	11-3
Bruton	10-2
York	6-1
Tabb	6-11
Louisa Co.	9-1
York	5-4
Tabb	7-19
Western Albermarle	1-11

Half way through the away game against Salem, junior Dave Nadolny passes the ball past his opponent to get it to a forward. Dave was a midfielder whose job was not only to pass the ball to the forwards but also to help with the defense.

While junior Jarrett Yehlen stands behind him, sophomore Shawn Edwards kicks the ball. Before this, Salem had kicked the ball out of bounds. Shawn took the goal kick so Jarrett could stay behind and cover the ball.



While trying to get the ball, junior Jason Koptish gets pushed by his opponent. "It really makes me mad when the other team causes fouls and we get called for them," Jason said. Even though the other team fouled, Poquoson won 3-1.

During the Salem game junior Chad Shelton sprints after the ball. The away game took place early in the season, giving the team some incentive. "We wanted to start the season with some wins. Fortunately we beat them 3-1," Chad said.





Kicking Around

Winning season leads to district championship

Erin Murphy

Receiving the ball, dribbling down the field, dodging around the defense, getting close to the goal, kicking the ball in the goal. Score!

These skills enabled the boys' soccer team to grab a share of the district title and earn a berth in the regional tournament. "York had tough defenders but we overcame them and our win made them unable to go to the regional championship," junior Jason Koptish said.

"We were a very skilled team with experience. We had many returning players as well as talented rookies," sophomore Steve Tom said.

"We lost a couple of players midway through the season. It was hard to play the games without them. We really had to work hard to overcome these problems," senior Mike Moore said.

Despite these disadvantages, the boys won the district championship. However, they lost the regional championship to Tabb. Even though they lost, they still went to state but lost the game against Handley during their first game and were eliminated. "Handley had a quick counterattack that killed us. We just should have played better," sophomore Shawn Edwards said.

Before the games, the team warmed up for 20 minutes on the side field and ten minutes on the actual playing field. "I would try to get ready fast, so I could have time to concentrate on what I was going to improve on in the game," junior Jarrett Yehlen said.

"To prepare for a game I usually try not to get too stressed out and concentrate on what I have to do," junior Tommy Crittenden said.

During the course of the season, the soccer team had games they won with little difficulty. They beat Deep Creek, Franklin, and Smithfield easily. "We tried to play our hardest in the easy games as well as our hard ones," junior Cory Groseth said.

The soccer team not only had a winning record, but also won the district championship against York. "I felt that our team did extremely well despite all of the controversy throughout the season. We all stuck in it together and won some very important games," junior Tommy Morgan said.



Varsity Boys' Soccer. Front Row: Brett Nicholson, Cory Groseth, Shawn Routten, Andrew Staton, Jason Freeman. Second Row: Jon Abell, Dave Theobald, Craig Brown, Jason Koptish, Dave Nadolny, Tommy Crittenden, Frank Beazlie. Back Row: Coach Scott Canaday, Chad Shelton, Steve Tom, Shawn Edwards, Mike Moore, J.M. Nobile, Tommy Morgan, Graham Hunt, Jarrett Yehlen.

Varsity Boys' Soccer 13-7-2

Princess Anne	0-2
Salem	3-1
Gloucester	2-2
Tallwood	2-0
Princess Anne	0-2
Deep Creek	5-0
Tabb	3-2
Smithfield	6-0
Grafton	2-1
Tabb	3-1
Bruton	0-1
York	1-1
Franklin	6-1
Southampton	2-1
Lafayette	1-3
Tabb	0-1
York	1-0
Bruton	2-1
James Monroe	3-0
Bruton	2-1
Tabb	2-5
Handley	0-4

Defending Goals

Close games stymie first year team

Rebecca Turkish

As your teammate crosses the ball, you break to the box and jump for the head. It goes past the goalie and into the back of the net. GOAL! Girls' soccer had a lot to prove in their first season as a varsity sport. "I thought that we as a team had a lot of pressure on us to have a winning record. Everyone kept saying that we had to prove ourselves worthy, whether it was the coaches, the community, or even other players," junior Liz Render said.

In order to prove themselves, the team had to make changes. "Our practices changed drastically. When we were only a club sport last year, the practices were laid back and fun. Now that we've become a sport, practices are more intense with lots of conditioning. I feel that we really needed this change in order to play well in our division," senior Gaby Davis said.

The highlight of the season came in the girls' last game against Walsingham Academy. "The Walsingham game was by far the best. It was a great way to end our season. The defense and offense played excellently the entire game. All the runs and passes we had been working on in practice really came together. It was so exciting and nerve-racking to end the game on a penalty kick. I still can't believe it went in," sophomore Natalie Stallings said.

One of the low points of the girls' season was the game against Grafton. "I feel we could have beaten or at least tied Grafton if it wasn't for a few problems. A couple of our starting players didn't start due to an incident before the game, and our goalie couldn't play because she missed practice the day before. I played goal the entire game, even though I had never done it before. I tried my best for the team," sophomore Caroline Todd said.

Despite the ups and downs of the season, the team finished with an overall record of 5-6-1. "For our first year as an official sport, I thought we played great, although our record doesn't totally reflect it. We lost a lot of close games that could have gone either way. We always seemed to break down in the second half. I hope we can improve on that next year," sophomore Shannon Nobile said.



Varsity Girls' Soccer

5-6-1

Princess Anne	0-9
Salem	0-7
Cape Henry Collegiate	0-1
Peninsula Catholic	5-0
Tabb	0-2
Hampton Christian	5-0
Norfolk Collegiate	2-1
Tabb	0-3
Walsingham Academy	1-1
Bruton	2-0
Grafton	0-4
Walsingham Academy	1-0



Varsity Girls' Soccer. Sitting: Jamie Bundlie, Rebecca Turkish, Jenny Stallings, Brandy Watson, Sara Johnson, Stephanie Frazier. Front Row: Cassie McDaniel, Caroline Todd, Kathleen Kreiger, Shannon Nobile, Natalie Stallings, Mina Tabibi, Meridith Cassell. Back Row: Coach Marci League, Jennifer Staton, Gabrielle Davis, Erin Gooding, Liz Render, Corie Forrest, Sarah Kinnan, Managers Jeff Parker, Sam Cowles.



At Salem High School in Virginia Beach, junior Kathleen Kreiger clears the ball away from her goal. Kathleen was the starting left fullback. The game was played on a Saturday afternoon.



During the Cape Henry Collegiate game at home, eighth grader Mythili Rao sprints to the ball. All of the JV girls' home games were played before the varsity's game. JV started at 5:30 and varsity at 7:30.

Pressuring from behind, sophomore Natalie Stallings illegally grabs her opponent in the Salem game. "I love it when you can foul and not get called for it. For the rest of the game, that girl kept coming after me. We battled it out until the final seconds," Natalie said.



JV Girls' Soccer

3-6-1

Williamsburg Christian	0-9
Noefolk Collegiate	0-1
Walsingham Academy	0-2
Great Bridge	0-3
Lakeland	6-0
Cape Henry	0-2
Peninsula Catholic	4-1
Norfolk Collegiate	0-4
Booker T. Washington	2-2
Hampton Christian	2-0

JV Girls' Soccer. Sitting: Lara Brown, Emily Gibbs, Lindsay Bryant, Blair White, Lisa Schwenneker, Erin Jenkins, Mythili Rao. Front Row: Amber Freeman, Amber Normandin, Kimberly Garrett, Tracie VanHeeswyk, Julia Goldman, Jennifer Bookwalter, Diana Fithian. Back Row: Coach Michelle Sorbello, Manager Rebecca Lawson, Theresa Davis, Amanda Zohn, Ann Stuart Cox, Brittany Carlson, Manager Amy Doernte, Nicole Fischer, Assistant Coach Scott Bookwalter.

Horseback Riding

by Erin Murphy

The breeze in your hair, the clop-clop of hooves, the feel of the horse under you. These are just a few of the feelings a horseback rider has.

Probably everyone had been on a horse, whether it was at the Seafood Festival as a child or at summer camp. Sophomore Alison Quenville said, "Once, when I was seven, I went to camp and all I did was clean up after the horse." Whether it was a good or bad experience with a horse, it probably would always be remembered.

A few people were lucky enough to own a horse or have relatives who had stables. "I have been riding since I was eleven, I started because my aunt had a horse and introduced me," freshman Sally Beazlie said.

While some students rode horses, others jumped them over barricades and fences. "I don't think people understand just how hard riding is. I've been jumping horses for half my life and I'm still not near as good as I want to be. But I love the work and the horses, and I'll probably be training and competing for the rest of my life," junior Nicole Feldl said.

Students not only rode horses, but also trained them. "I am teaching my horse Lad to jump," senior Dana Montgomery said.

Returning the serve, senior Amy Blankenship raises the score to 30-15. "I like playing at home more than away. I enjoy knowing that the crowd is there cheering us on," Amy said.

Watching the ball, senior Valerie Sledd continues the volley with her Nansemond-Suffolk opponent. "Overall it was a pretty good match. I think at the end I just lost my concentration and she pulled ahead," Valerie said about the match.



Waiting for the return, junior Courtney Judd decides on her next move. "By watching her in the first match you can get an idea of how she plays, and that always helps in the next match," Courtney said. Courtney won 7-5, 7-5.



Bouncing Back

New players lead to rebuilt season

Aimee Halvorson

Together Everyone Achieves More.

This was the motto for the girls' tennis team. "TEAM was truly the word for the season. Everyone worked hard and together they made Poquoson number one in the district, along with York and Tabb. I am really proud of these girls," coach Jane Winner said. Besides coming in first in districts, the team also placed third in Regionals.

Coach Winner was the team's third coach in four years. "Our new coach was a great thing for the team. She made it a priority to work with everyone on the team and she always emphasized team unity. Everyone supported each other because of this," senior Valerie Sledd said.

Tabb returned to the district after two years in AAA. "Tabb was our most memorable match. Our opponents were at about the same level as us, and a lot of people split sets. It was also memorable because it was close matches, but we won five out of six single matches, which means we won the match before doubles started," senior Melissa Moore said. At the home match, the team outscored Tabb 6-3.

Graduating seniors were not always able to continue their tennis careers. "I am going to the Naval Academy and they do not have girls' tennis, but hopefully I'll find time to play anyways. I'm really going to miss tennis when I go to college," senior Leanne Phillips said.

Being on the team for a few years led to a lot of memories. "Overall it was a great season--the best of all the other seasons in high school. I think that all of us worked hard this year and that our hard work paid off. All of our wins were well earned," senior Katie Edwards said.

With four of the top six graduating, the underclass appreciated the experience they gained. "Even though I did not get to play this year, the experience was definitely good for the next season. Just by being able to watch the top six, I learned so much. Everyone on the team was so nice and they offered advice whenever we needed it," freshman Katie Sanderson said.



Girls' Tennis. Front Row: Sally Beazlie, Katie Sanderson, Jenny Conway, Leanne Phillips, Valerie Sledd. Back Row: Katie Edwards, Alison Gooding, Courtney Judd, Amy Blankenship, Melissa Moore, Blair Hardaway. Coach Jane Winner.

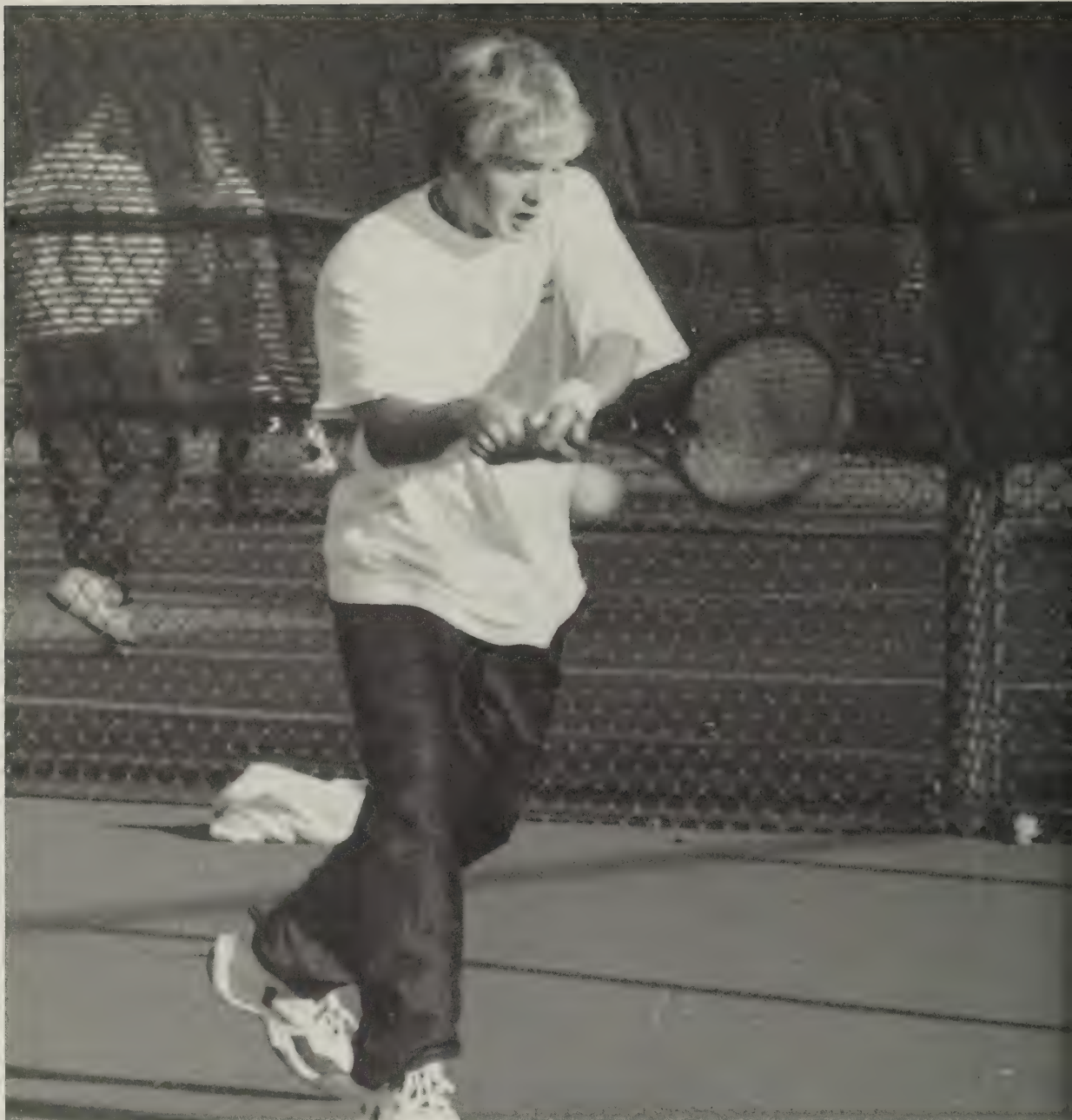
Girls' Tennis

10-3

Smithfield	9-0
Nansemond Suffolk Acad.	5-4
Grafton	5-4
Tabb	6-3
Nandua	9-0
Nansemond Suffolk Acad.	7-2
Bruton	8-1
York	4-5
Franklin	7-2
Norfolk Academy	0-9
Southampton	8-1
Prince Edward	7-2
James Monroe	3-5

Finishing a forehand, junior Kevin McClellan finishes the point at the district tournament at Huntington Park in Newport News. He played in the number one spot and finished as the district runner-up behind York's Eric Christianson and was third in the Region I tournament.

In the second set of his match, senior Jeremy Seltzer returns his opponent's serve. He played number four throughout the year. Seltzer beat his Grafton opponent in the first round of the district tournament.



Slamming an overhead into his opponent's court, senior Chris Park wins the point. "I sometimes don't play well late in the matches, and I wasn't confident after dropping the first set 6-0. I remained calm and won," Park said.

In a home match against Lakeland, junior Maurice Kaiser warms up for his match. Kaiser played number two and teamed with Kevin McClellan at number one doubles. The duo went unbeaten during the regular season.



Bashing Overheads

Netters reach Regional finals

Jason Bryant

Sweat glistens off your forehead as you prepare for your opponent's serve. The serve bounces off the court and towards you. You return with a vicious forehand and the ball whizzes past his head and bounces just inside the baseline. Game, set, match.

The boys' team had lost half of the top six, but replacing them with players that were on the roster for several seasons made Coach Mark VanDervort's job a little easier. Juniors Kevin McClellan and Maurice Kaiser played in the top two spots. Seniors Chris Park, Jeremy Seltzer and Jonathan Seiter and sophomore Eric Hacecky rounded out the top six.

The team finished second in the Bay Rivers District, behind defending state champion York. By finishing second they earned a berth in the regional tournament. They made the tournament finals, but again lost to York, 8-1.

"It was great when we beat Grafton. After that win, we secured a spot in the regional team competition. It was a win we needed and it brought the team confidence in tough matches. Everyone stepped up their level of play," Kaiser said.

"The team played every match like it was the only one. We developed a focus that took us to the regional finals. This group of guys made coaching easy and pleasurable," Coach VanDervort said.

McClellan, who was seeded second, was the runner-up in the district tournament. He lost to York's Eric Christianson. Despite the loss, McClellan was happy about the team's finish. "This team was successful because everyone worked hard. We lost half our top six last year, but the team stepped it up and filled in the gaps that were lost," McClellan said.

"Our success came from all the hard work that each individual member put into the off-season. Every member of the team came back better," Park said.

In matches, only the top six players saw the court, but the remainder of the roster got the occasional call to play against some of the weaker teams in the district. "My high point of the year was when I finally broke my strings. The babes went wild," sophomore John Winstead said.



Boys' Tennis. Front Row: Mark Hunter, Kevin McClellan, John Winstead, Bryce Snyder, Brian Eng, Chris Render. Back Row: Coach Mark VanDervort, Adam Seltzer, Maurice Kaiser, Jonathan Seiter, Judd Compton, Eric Hacecky, Chris Park, Jeremy Seltzer.

Boys' Tennis

10-3

Smithfield	9-0
Grafton	8-1
New Kent	9-0
Lakeland	9-0
Tabb	7-2
Menchville	3-6
Bruton	9-0
York	1-8
Franklin	9-0
Southampton	9-0
James Monroe	7-2
Grafton	8-1
York	1-8

Learning quickly

Young teams rise to top of district

Jason Bryant

Undefeated. Many teams try to reach this rare goal. Only one professional team has ever done it. Of all the dreams an athlete has, the thrill of going undefeated and being the best is one of the top.

The JV football and soccer teams achieved the undefeated plateau on several occasions. The past three seasons, the JV soccer hasn't been defeated, and in the past two, the JV football team hasn't suffered a loss.

"Going 7-0 for the second year in a row was great," freshman football player Chip Edwards said.

The JV football team's road to perfection wasn't paved with gold, though. Unlike the previous season, the gridders found themselves coming back to defeat their opponents.

Twice during the season, the young team had to face first half deficits heading into the second half. "We didn't play well in the first half of either game (Smithfield and Bruton), but we stepped it up to come back to win," freshman Steven Riley said.

Each team had the pleasure of beating rival Tabb. The JV soccer team beat the Tigers once, but also tied them. The JV football team edged the Tigers to end their season.

"They were coming back, but when we picked off that pass late in the game, we knew it was over. It was a great feeling," sophomore Joey Miskell said.

JV soccer had one blemish on its record, a 1-0 loss to York. Aided by the help of some York varsity players brought down for the game, the loss left a bitter taste in the mouths of the players.

"The worst part about the game was we outplayed them even though they brought down four varsity players. We really should have won," sophomore Justin Williams said.

Despite having four coaches in four seasons, the soccer players benefited from Coach Bob Gemmill. "Coach Gemmill helped out our game a lot. He prepared us for the type of play at the varsity level," sophomore Chris Watson said.

With the strong play of the junior varsity teams, the football and soccer programs kept their programs ready to reload for the coming seasons.



JV Football

7-0

Smithfield	34-28
Bruton	28-22
York	21-0
Southampton	16-8
Grafton	28-12
Franklin	24-12
Tabb	28-22



JV Football. Sitting: Doug Shannon, Andrew Stewart, Jerry Hansler, Mark Kurek, Greg Deaver, Andrew Station, Tim Henley, Chip Edwards. Middle Row: Josh Hurr, Matt McDaniel, Adam Svihla, David Mattson, Brian Parker, Skip Banton, Jim Fischer, Aaron Huskey, Dan Pruitt, Steve Saunders, Greg Diggs. Back Row: Steven Guill, Jeff Parker, Brett Dorrance, Andy Corbett, Ryan Ferry, Al Tardif, Joey Miskell, Andrew Causey, Michael Pierce, Steven Riley, Brian Bunting.



Following the lead blocking of the offensive line, sophomore Joey Miskell executes a sweep. The team used six different running backs during the course of the game. This was helpful to the offense because it kept giving the opposing defense different looks.



During a game against Smithfield, sophomore Jeff Parker gains more yardage. Parker's pickup proved pivotal as the team kept the drive alive. The Islanders won 34-28 in double overtime.

In a game against AAA Denbigh, sophomore Robby Jenkins uses his body to shield the ball from two opposing defenders. The team's passing skills enabled them to beat the Patriots 3-0.



JV Boys' Soccer. Sitting: Derek Juang, Jeff Stallings, Ryan Koptish, Justin Finch, Matt Quenville, Jeremy Cooper. Middle Row: Mark Marconi, Justin Williams, Aaron Geppert, Ryan Hudgins, Ross Hudgins, Matt Torrenti, Ryan Watson. Back Row: Coach Bob Gemmill, Andy Corbett, Adam Topping, Ricky Snapp, Chris Harris, Ricky Sledd, Robby Jenkins, John Morgan, Chris Watson, Brandon Routten.

JV Boys' Soccer

9-1-2

Hickory	2-1
Gloucester	2-1
Menchville	1-0
Denbigh	3-0
Tabb	3-0
Smithfield	11-0
Bruton	4-0
Grafton	1-1
Tabb	1-1
Franklin	11-0
Southampton	11-0
York	0-1

Reaching Goals

Trip to state meet opens opportunities

Becky David

The season began with two slow warm-up laps around the track and ended with eight new school records.

Setting and breaking the record several times, senior Jason Abbott pole vaulted himself 14 feet into the air. Senior Angela Taliaferro sprung herself five feet five inches over the high jump bar to break the school record by two inches. Junior Alexis Ross raced to break Coach Terra Levan's record by 12 seconds in the 3200 meter race. Senior Jennifer Haczewski broke several records in the 800 meters, 1600 meters and set the record for the girls' pole vault. Haczewski and Ross also assisted senior Becky David and sophomore Amber Kaiser in resetting the record to 10:51 in the 4x800 meter relay. Junior Becky Marlowe threw over 100 feet in girls' discus. School records showed that no other girl had ever thrown over 100 feet.

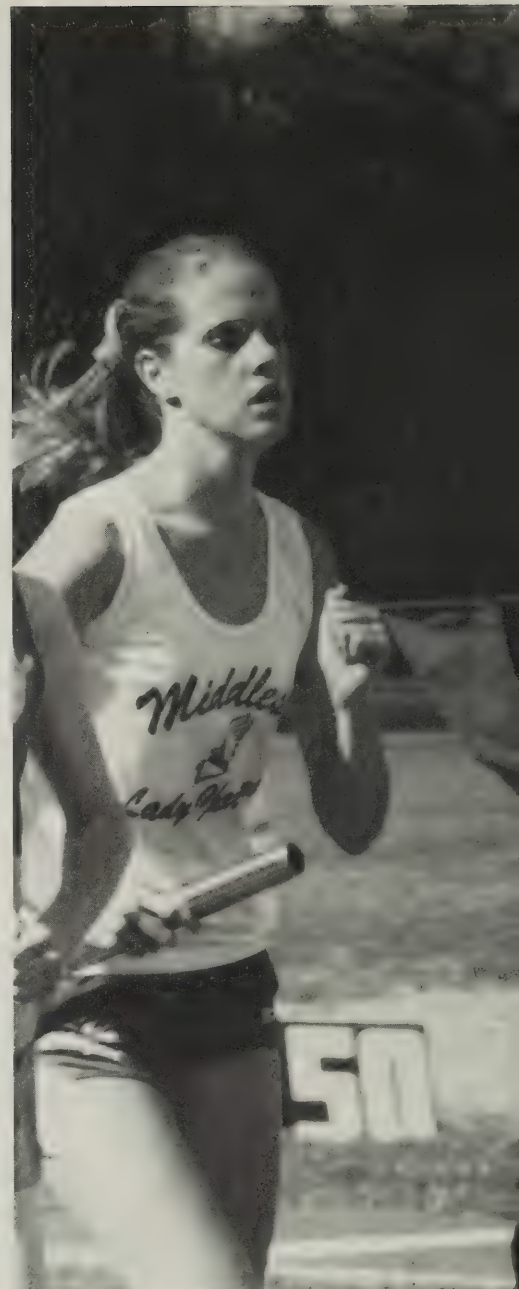
James Madison University hosted the state meet where most of the records were shattered. "My goal was to jump two inches higher and I did it. Now I feel confident that I will be a good competitor at William and Mary in the fall," Taliaferro said.

In order for a runner to have a good race, he or she had to be healthy and fit. Junior Crystal Thrasher came down with mono a week before districts. "I think that the girls' team was strong and we had fun being at the meets. The only bad thing was when I got mono and could not run in districts," Thrasher said.

Usually track meets lasted the whole day and friends watched friends compete. "I enjoyed being a member; I loved competing at the big meets. But I like watching my friends succeed the most," senior Drew Whitam said.

The end of the season came too fast for some. "I can not believe how fast it went by. I feel we showed many improvements in our times as well as our distances," junior Patrick Johnson said.

Starting his senior year, senior Preston Noe felt it wasn't very hard to get back in shape. "With a lot of determination and hard work, my times went down and I had a great season," Noe said.



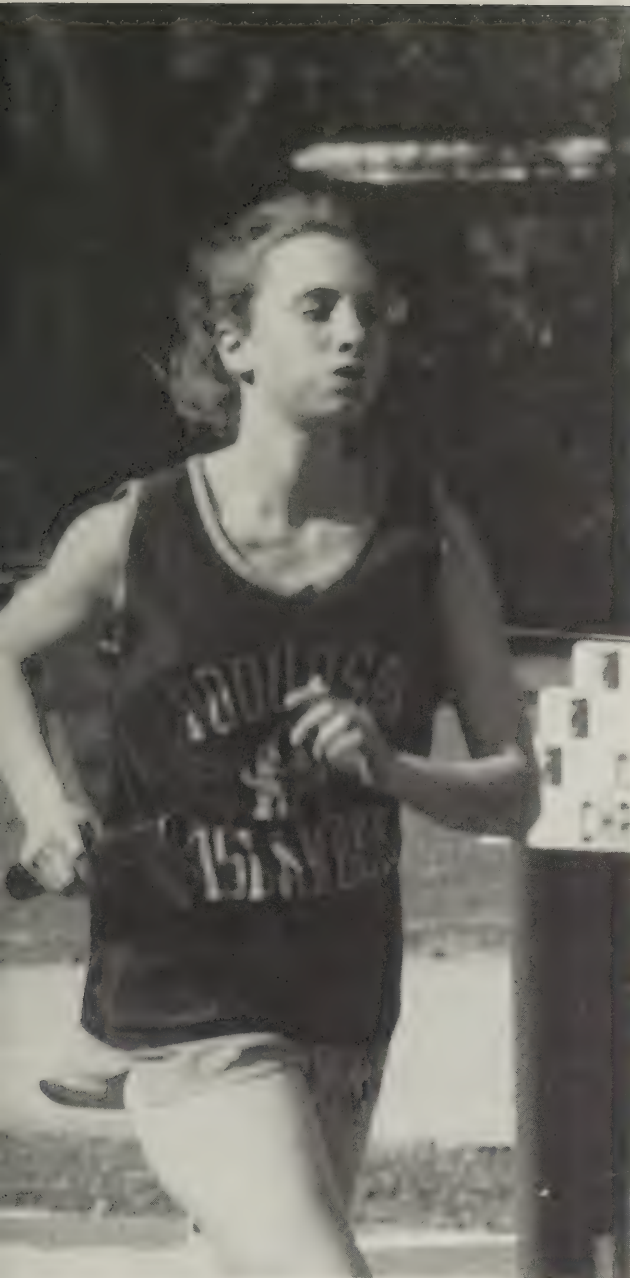
Girls' Track

6-2

Grafton	68.5-31.5
Northampton	68.5-56.5
Bruton	47.5-69.5
Tabb	47.5-50
Southampton	96-39
York	96-28
Smithfield	79.5-50.5
Franklin	79.5-28



Girls' Track. Sitting: Miranda Wichlens, Lindsey Reinholdt, Kristi Geppert, Meghan Steele, Jennifer Haczewski, Michelle Marshall, Kellee Parmenter, Eden Fenigsohn, Erin Grimes. Front Row: Erin Smith, Becky Marlowe, Alison Mast, Kristi Sutton, Erin Cobb, Mandie Kern, Katie Powell, Amber Kaiser, Katie Boyle, Kelly Longstreet, Elizabeth French, Samiat Brown, Britney Compton, Amanda Swilley. Back Row: Manager Arinn Johnson, Amanda Robertson, Kara Jones, Lauren Cochet, Crystal Thrasher, Monika Stinson, Melissa Card, Becky David, Kathleen Murphy, Angela Taliaferro, Terri Parrish, Amber Costello, Jennifer Kennedy, Sandy Quinn.



Running against 12 other teams, the girls' 4x800 meter relay won fourth place and qualified for Regionals. The relay runners were seniors Jennifer Haczewski, Becky David, junior Alexis Ross and sophomore Amber Kaiser. Kaiser breaks away from York and Middlesex during the second leg of the race, giving the team the edge they needed.



Starting blocks allowed the runner to start low to the ground and build up speed. Senior Angela Taliaferro crouches at the start as freshman George Hudgins holds her blocks. Freshman Kathleen Murphy stood waiting for the gun to start her on the 100 meter high hurdles race.

Two laps around the track and ten minutes of stretching was routine before beginning their workouts. Senior Kevin Jones looks to the captains to make sure he is doing the correct stretch. "Stretching is just as important as the workout itself. I could pull a muscle," Jones said.



Boys' Track. Sitting: Jeff Norris, Mike Pierce, Marc McGarry, Mike DuBose, Josh Hollingsworth, Jimmy Royster, Chris Carter, Kevin Jones, Preston Noe, Jonathan Backus, Jeremy Bloxom, Aaron Gaul. Front Row: Manager Arinn Johnson, Donnie Gardner, Steven Feigh, Charles Juhl, Daniel Wong, Daniel Goodman, Matt McDaniel, David Mattson, Pedro Garcia, Phillips Booker, Paul Rosensteel, Matt Williams, Jimmy Pierce, Jesse Dunlap. Second Row: Coach Joe Garrity, Robert Jabson, Cody Spencer, James Rosensteel, Steven Guill, Jason Abbott, Al Tardif, Robert Ankeney, Scott Howell, Partick Johnson, Curtis Booth, Norman Shannon, George Hudgins. Back Row: Chris Lorigan, Joe Flannery, Drew Whitam, David Becker, Michael Topping, Chuck Winstead, Brad Elsass, Mike French, Lee Olson.

Boys' Track

3-5

Grafton	80-30
Northampton	80-68
Tabb	61.5-75.5
Bruton	61.5-41
Southampton	34-68.5
York	34-73.5
Smithfield	48-71
Franklin	48-56

Throwing Out

Underclassmen get ready for varsity

Becky David

Make room for the soon-to-be rookies. These young players are the next varsity team. The JV softball and JV baseball teams practiced in hopes of one day playing varsity. Strategies were drilled into the JV players by the coaches, so when it became time to use the strategic plan, it came easily.

It was Coach Todd Bowden's second season with the girls. Sophomore Raychel Evans was glad that they got along. "Once Mr. Bowden and I got to know each other, we clicked well and came out on top. It's important for the coach to bond with us. That is what makes teamwork work," Evans said.

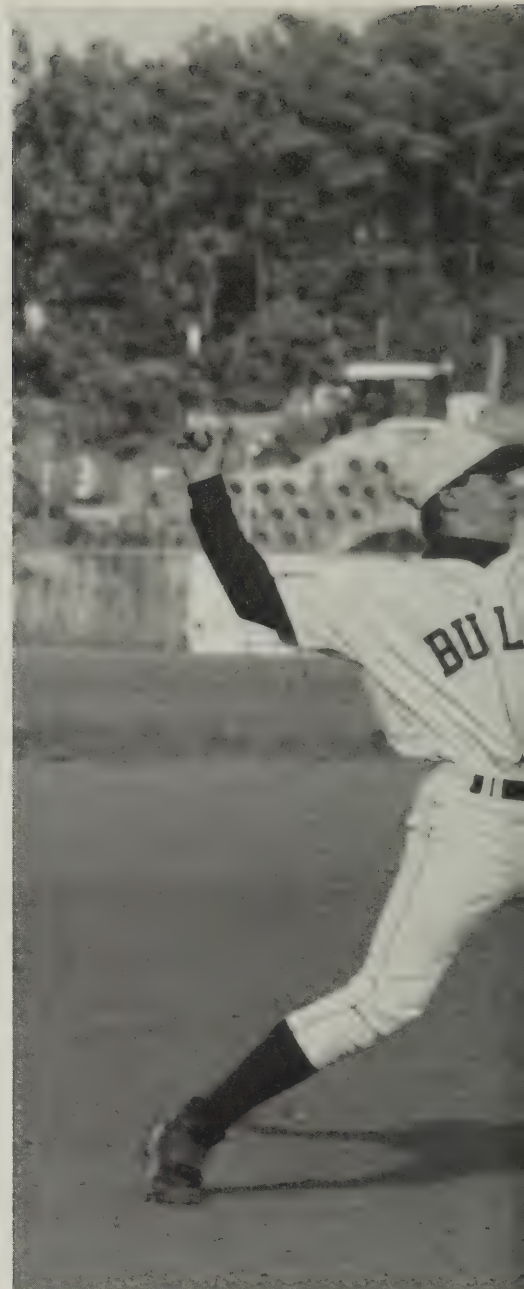
The softball team was undefeated and gave their credit to the practices. "Everyday after school, we practiced. Our competition was not that great, mainly because they are new teams. But practice is what made us tough," eighth grader Josei Sutton said.

Since the coach could not be inside the foul lines during the games, the players relied on each other. "Communication, teamwork, and most of all dedication, are all important to make a good team. We worked really hard to make these elements work, and as a result, we had a great season," freshman Leslie Jones said.

Trying out for the varsity baseball team was on the players' minds throughout the season. "Playing JV really helped me out, and I hope to play varsity. I have learned most of the plays and now it is just a matter of perfecting them," freshman John Pauls said.

Coach Kenny Bennett returned to help the young players out. Coach Bennett scheduled practices every day, and if it rained, then he moved practices into the gym. "Coach worked us hard in drilling us and gave us a lot of good plays that we can always use," sophomore Chris Crawford said.

The baseball team would have had an undefeated season if it had not been for the Smithfield game. "Smithfield gave us the most competition. We were undefeated until we played them. I think that they were able to beat us because they had strong plays that were well developed," freshman Brian Jones said.



JV Softball

13-0

Portsmouth Christian	12-0
Smithfield	12-3
Grafton	16-1
Grafton	13-2
Southampton	25-3
Grafton	13-2
Smithfield	15-5
Franklin	21-8
New Kent	13-2
Southampton	13-2
New Kent	6-4
Franklin	22-2
Grafton	18-3



JV Softball. Front Row: Heather Tate, Candy Goodson, Colleen Casey, Heather Wylie, Leslie Jones, Stacey Gross, Danielle Backus. Back Row: April Cassell, Coach Todd Bowden, Leigh Jenkins, Holly McDaniel, Josie Sutton, Raychel Evans, Jamie Gatz, Kelli Forrest, Christina Campbell.



After scooping up a ground ball hit directly to him, freshman Brian Bunting throws the ball to the first baseman. Bunting was quick enough to give the team two outs.



Before each inning started, the pitcher was allowed to throw a couple of pitches to warm up. Eighth-grader Holly McDaniel winds up to throw the ball across the plate to where freshman Christina Campbell waits.

With the Southampton's second baseman's back turned, eighth grader Leigh Jenkins takes advantage of the moment to steal third base. Stealing bases was a way for the team to get into scoring position.



JV Baseball. Sitting: Ben Duman, Mike Humphrey, Greg Goodson, Barry Weaver, Josh Cobb. Front Row: Brian Bunting, Adam Stout, Andrew Stewart, John Pauls, Brian Dewitt. Back Row: Coach Kenny Bennett, Brian Jones, Chris Crawford, Butch Ward, Jeff Parrish, Josh Hurr, Brian Parker.

JV Baseball

8-3

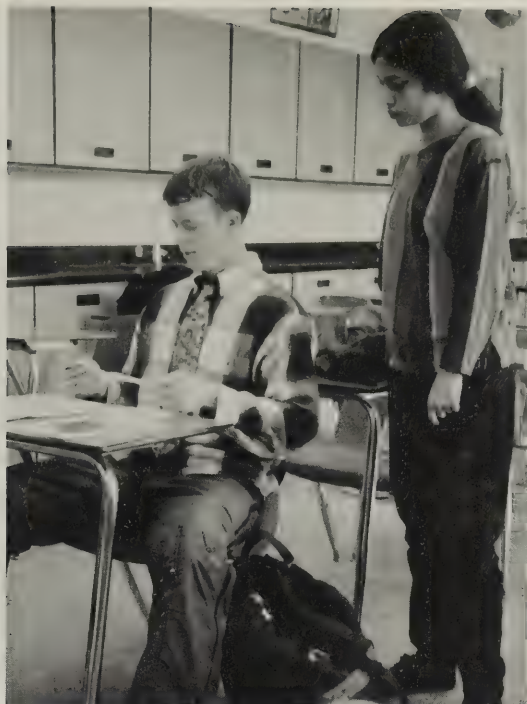
Smithfield	3-8
Atlantic Shores	10-0
Bruton	10-7
Southampton	14-0
Franklin	10-9
New Kent	4-8
Smithfield	2-1
Southampton	14-4
New Kent	3-12
Franklin	6-1
Bruton	5-4



After school, library aide Mrs. Judy Topping shows senior Lindsay Keddell how to use Infotrac. Students used the library's resources to get help for projects and other school assignments. They visited the library during lunch and before and after school.

As Soundation class comes to an end, junior Tara Starner lies down for a little relaxation. Although students worked for most of the period, there was always time for them to goof off and relieve a little stress.





During Advanced and Organic Chemistry class, senior Shazia Ismail helps senior Jason Abbott with his worksheet. Although it was tacky day, students still had to remain focused on their school work. They saved their spirit for between classes and during lunchtime.

Something to Talk About

Expectations, goals bring hard work, effort

What occupies six or seven hours of students' time five days a week? What is the main reason people go to school? Academics, of course.

The ten-point grading scale posed a challenge to students. "I thought the ten-point grading scale would be easier than other schools, but I still have to work really hard to make an A," freshman J.B. Richardson said.

Students knew exactly how they liked to learn. "I like learning the basics and being taught strictly by the curriculum," junior Jenny Stallings said.

Teachers knew the potential and capability of their students. "Teachers have a high expectation of students. They know our ability and push us to do better," junior Blair Hardaway said.

Whether it was discussing homework or class participation, academics were always

Something to Talk About.



WHILE MR. JOHN Forrest's class had a free period, freshman Trevor Fitzpatrick makes up a timed writing. Students were often seen in desks in the hallways completing make-up work. Trevor was doing a thirty-minute timed writing on inventions.

IN PARAGRAPH form, junior Kevin McClellan draws an outline to get his ideas straight. Outlines were just one way that students prepared for timed writings. "I make an outline before I actually write because it helps me organize my thoughts. Outlines are very helpful," Kevin said.



With limited time to draft an essay, timed writings cause writers to

Write Quickly

Only two minutes left and you still have to write your closing paragraph.

Timed writings were disliked by many students. "I hate timed writings because I always run out of time. I need time to develop the topic and organize my ideas," sophomore Natalie Stallings said.

Junior Maurice Kaiser thought planning took the most time. "They don't ever give me enough time to think about what I want to write, so my essays are never prepared on time and well planned," he said.

Students felt that teachers sometimes gave boring topics which made it even harder to write. "I always get stuck with a lame topic that I can never stretch out for the full period of time," senior Jason Geppert said.

Timed writings sometimes helped to raise grades. "I don't mind timed writings because my teachers don't formally grade them hard, so they usually boost my grade a lot of points," freshman Steven Riley said.

Junior Rachel Fithian felt that they weren't too bad. "Timed writings are not that bad as long as they are not for a grade. I don't feel as much pressure when I know it's just for practice, and it doesn't count against me," she said.

Students felt that timed writings were sometimes interesting assignments. "I enjoy timed writings because I am a creative person, and I can usually make them interesting. Usually they are also a very easy grade for me," senior Jennifer Haczewski said.

English teacher Mr. Mark VanDervort felt timed writings were necessary for students to complete. "Timed writings allow students to practice writing essays for tests that they will take in college and other exams like the AP exams. Timed writings teach students to compress their thoughts and ideas into a certain period of time," he said.

Whether they were liked or disliked, dreaded or anticipated, timed writings were a requirement that all English students had to complete.

"I get stuck with lame topics that I can never stretch out for the full time."

Rebecca Turbish



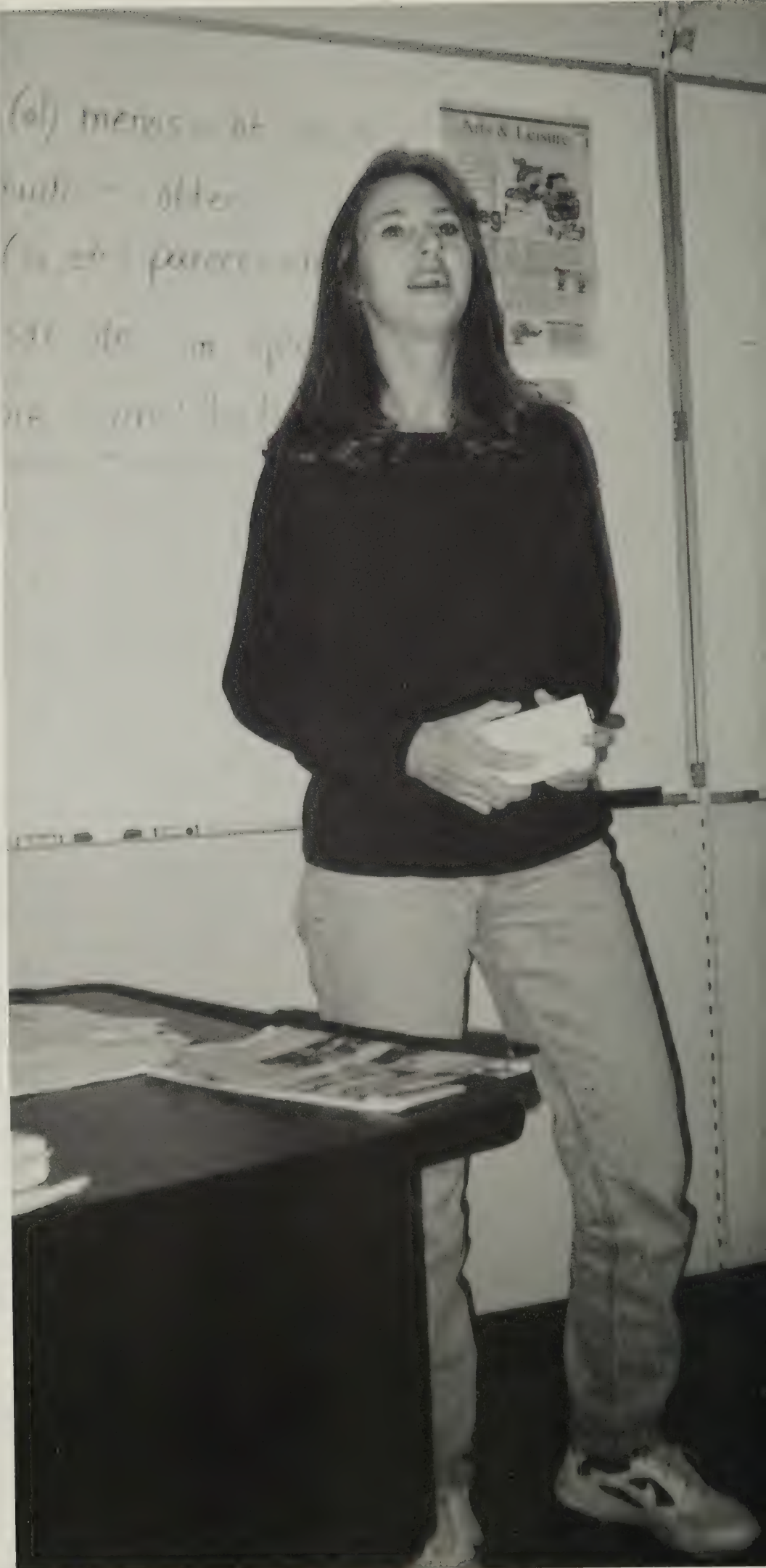
BEFORE BEGINNING his AP English class, Mr. Mark VanDervort finishes grading timed writings. Teachers often picked odd topics. "I give timed writing topics that surprise my students. I make them write on a subject that they have hardly thought about," he said.

THINKING ABOUT her topic, sophomore Sara Deihl tries to decide how to make her paragraphs flow better. "I hate timed writings because I usually have plenty of ideas on the topics, but I never know how to put them all together in order," Sara said.



WHILE MRS. HELEN Small tapes, junior Erik Stinson describes his partner Jake Webb's outfit. German II students were required to give an oral presentation on fashion for a quiz grade fourth quarter. Erik and Jake chose to give theirs outside.

GIVING A PRESENTATION during Mrs. Nancy Rowley's sixth hour Spanish III class, junior Kathleen Kreiger looks at the ceiling to avoid using her notecards. "Every marking period we have an oral presentation of some kind. This quarter we had to do a current event. I chose the new cartoon *Meg*, it was easy and fun, plus I got an A," Kathleen said.



Foreign language teachers assign oral presentations to help students

Speak Fluently

Meghan Steele

"It's your turn." These three words are the only words a foreign language student hates to hear in English.

Memorization was the biggest worry for foreign language students. "I hate oral presentations in Spanish I class. I can never remember all of the different words that we have to memorize. If the teacher would give us less to memorize I would like it a whole lot more," sophomore Neal Graham said.

Oral presentations took up class time and provided a switch from the usual everyday class schedule. "I like giving presentations in Spanish III. Unlike Spanish II, we don't have to memorize them. They also take up lots of class time. They are more interesting than most of the assignments that we do in our regular class period," junior Kathleen Kreiger said.

Freshman John Pauls agreed. "Spanish presentations are real neat because you get to act like a real Spanish person in a real Spanish scene, but they are definitely

hard to memorize," John said.

Some students just totally hated the idea of standing before the class and speaking a foreign language. "They annoy me! It's hard because you have to get up in front of the class and talk in a language you usually don't speak," freshman Katie Lorigan said.

Deciding on what to say and how to say it was a common problem. "Oral presentations are awful in German III. I have no idea how to say what I want to, so I end up spending forever preparing with a dictionary. How can a teacher expect you to speak on a topic for two minutes when we don't even speak German in class at all?" junior Christa Stutt said.

Senior Jason Geppert voiced a foreign language student's biggest fear. "I don't like oral presentations because I am only in Spanish II and there really isn't much to say. Also, everyone is waiting for you to mess up so they can make fun of you," he said.

Students did about three oral presentations a year.

"Everyone is waiting for you to mess up so they can make fun of you."



IN FRENCH II, students were required to do an oral presentation of the customs in France. Freshman Ryan Hudgins does his project on the cemeteries in France. Ryan dressed up as the Grim Reaper and brought additional props to make his presentation more effective.

IN HIS GERMAN II class, sophomore John Winstead points at words on the board. Students often used props to help their oral presentation go smoothly. "I would much rather give an oral presentation than do written work. It's a whole lot easier to just stand up there and talk," he said.

SOCIAL STUDIES teachers wrote key points in the form of an outline on the board and then used the outline to give their lecture. During a government class, Mr. Dave Nelson introduces the topic of ethics in government by giving a brief summary of what points he will make during the period.

TEACHERS EXPECTED students to extract important material from their lectures by listening for keywords and points that were especially emphasized. In American history class junior Suzanne Ayres listens and awaits information from Mr. Greg Hopkins' lecture on the Great Depression.



Test material given through notes, lectures, so students have to

Listen Attentively

Amy Hultman

"Take out a pen and some paper...we're taking notes."

Lectures and note taking made up a large part of most classes, but notes were especially important in social studies classes. "The initial preparation was quite time consuming, but once the lectures were in place, it became easier. I just had to go back and make minor changes on the lecture material each year," government teacher Mr. Dave Nelson said in describing the process he used.

Since the teachers did the work ahead of time, it meant less class work for students. "In government class, Mr. Nelson wrote outlines on the board for us to copy. The test questions came straight from the outlines for that chapter. If you know the outline information, you should be able to do well on the test senior Jesse Buchanan said.

Students got the notes written out for them. "Mrs. Junghans puts the notes for the chapter on the projector. Since she puts all the important information on the overhead projector, we don't even need to read the chapter,"

freshman Melissa Austin said.

In the other social studies classes, however, the information was not laid out so easily for students. "At the beginning of the year, Mr. Baker gave us notes on overheads, and he would discuss what he had written

Usually, his handwriting was illegible, so it was more beneficial to just listen to the lecture. Now, all Mr. Baker does is lecture, and we take notes on what he thinks we need to know for the test," junior Tomma Winder said.

Even though students understood the reasons for taking notes, they did not like them. "We have taken notes everyday. It's a great way to learn, but it is incredibly boring," sophomore Ashley Brownley said.

Notes were an important part of social studies. Whether teachers gave the notes to students from the board or expected the students to pick out the important information to write down, all students took notes. Even though students did not like taking notes, they understood that notes helped them prepare for tests.

"We don't even need to read the chapter."



IN HER SIXTH HOUR world geography class, Mrs. Denise Junghans reads notes off the overhead projector. Teachers used the overhead often because it was an easy way for students to receive information. Students copied the notes while the teacher lectured about them.

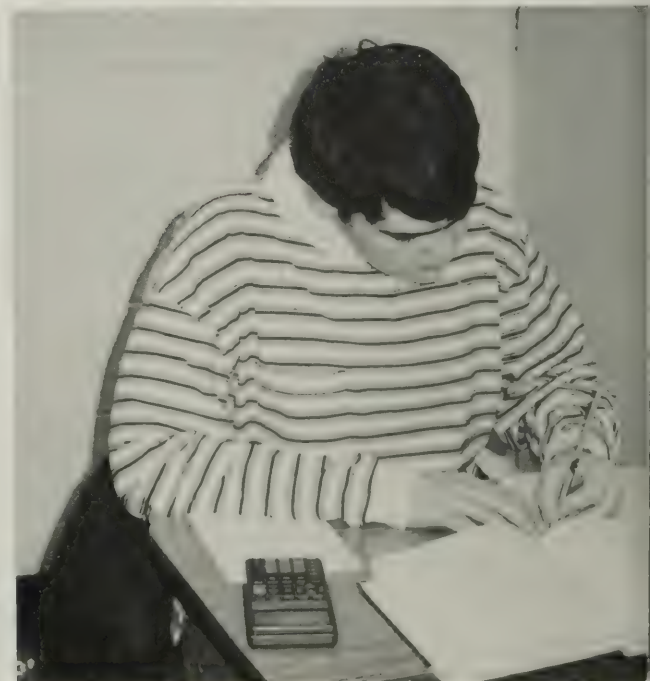
AFTER LEARNING that a test is approaching in Mr. Craige Stalling's world history class, sophomore Patrick Piercefield asks freshman Chris Hall for a highlighter. Mr. Stallings allowed his students to use their notes on tests provided that they did not exceed two long sheets of paper.





WHILE THE CLASS works on a worksheet, junior Nikki Folks receives help from Mrs. Janet Knight. Math teachers often gave individual help to students. A normal week in Mrs. Knight's class began with notes on the subject matter and book work for homework. It was followed by several worksheets, a review and then a quiz.

IF TIME PERMITTED, teachers gave students their math assignments before class ended to allow them to begin their homework problems early. As the last ten minutes of Algebra II class remain, junior Trevor Alsbrooks starts his lesson for the night in hopes of finishing and not needing to take his book home. Giving students the chance to start homework early also allowed them to see if they had any questions before leaving class.



Math teachers teach their lessons using different styles, so students can

Learn Creatively

"Open your notebooks class. Today we are going to learn about vectors and how you can use the Pythagorean theorem to apply the quadratic formula."

A mathematics lesson like this was not very realistic, but when students began to understand math concepts that they had thought were virtually impossible, they usually credited their teacher's teaching style as being the key factor to their success.

Some students appreciated a teacher who wrote the lesson on the blackboard and taught them as he or she wrote. "I like it when my math teachers write notes on the chalkboard as I copy them in my notebook, rather than putting the whole page of notes onto an overhead. It helps me to follow along when the teacher writes and talks at the speed I am putting the material in my notebook. I don't like it when they give take-home tests," senior Andrew Shtulman said.

Students also found it helpful when a teacher allotted

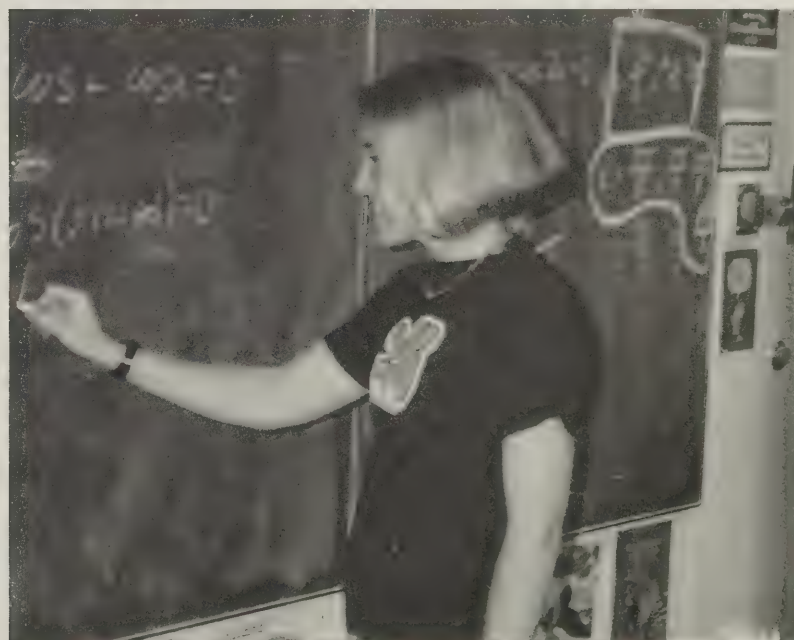
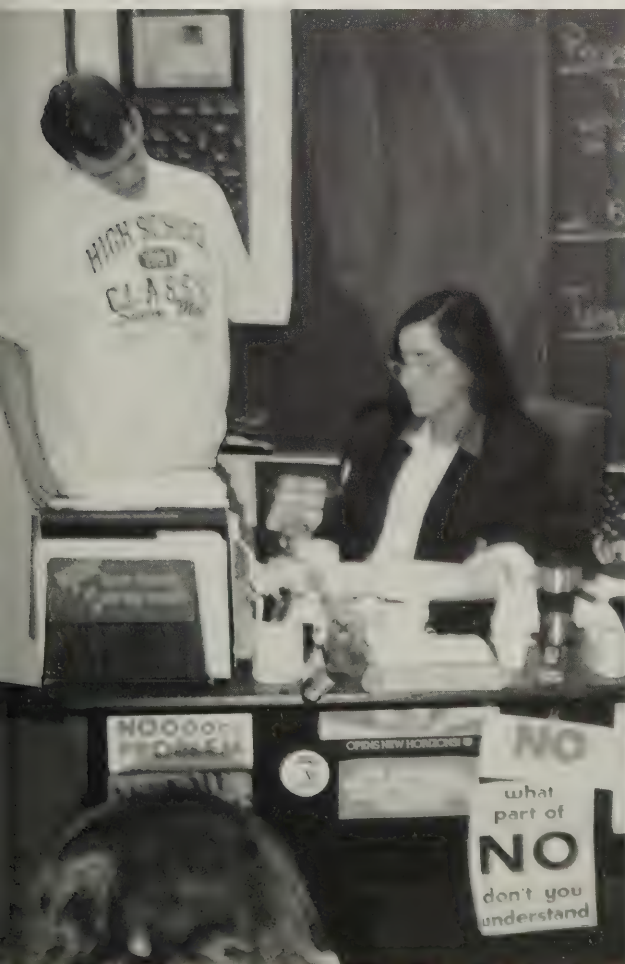
some time at the end of class to begin the homework assigned for the evening. "I don't like it when a math teacher teaches right up to the bell. Sometimes there is so much to cover," junior Matt Williams said.

Occasionally, a teacher offered a gimmick for remembering formulas or theorems. "Mrs. Freeman teaches us all of these chants, stories and rhymes to help us remember our trigonometry formulas. They are a bit silly, but I have found myself reciting them in my head during a test," junior Chris Fortier said.

Applying math to real life situations and drawing pictures, diagrams and graphs helped students to visualize math material. "Our textbook makes things look like a jumble of numbers. However, when my math teacher explains exactly what we are studying, everything suddenly looks clearer," senior Adam Dorrance said.

Math teachers utilized different methods and styles to instruct students in math classes.

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EVEN THOUGH MRS. Jeanne Martin allowed her students to ask questions about homework during the first ten minutes of class, some students needed more clarification than time allowed. Once Mrs. Martin finished her lesson in math analysis, senior Cody Camblin received the extra help he needed.

RATHER THAN doing a problem for a student, math teachers had students who were unsure of an answer work through the problem themselves. After asking about a trigonometry problem, junior Sara Johnson writes her work on the chalkboard as her teacher guides her through the process.

Craig Gallier



COLD OR RAINY DAYS caused PE classes to remain indoors to play games. At home plate during a wiffleball match, sophomore Lorri Singleton readies herself to take a swing at the ball. When the softball field was too muddy, students moved all equipment into the gym and played the game there.

BEHIND THE HIGH school, sophomore Megan Powell swings at a golf ball. Megan, along with the rest of Mr. George Yeager's sophomore gym class, participated in a competition to see who could hit a golf ball the farthest. They all started from orange cones and measured how far the ball traveled from there.



Although matches in class increase fitness, players see them as a way to

Compete Seriously

"I'll see you in the locker room!"

It's intense, it's physical... it's gym?

Gym teachers set up tournaments so that students could compete against each other. "Gym competition is intense. My team usually wins, though, because I pick the right people. You wouldn't believe the trash talking in the locker room," sophomore Travis Butler said.

Students enjoyed competing in the sports that required physical contact. "I love to compete in lifetime sports. My favorite sport to play is ultimate frisbee. It's a big contact sport and that's why I'm the absolute best at that game," senior Phillips Booker said.

Females felt that they were not always as competitive as males in gym classes. "I don't understand why guys are so competitive in gym class. I think that it's so funny to watch them play because they act like it's the world championship. I don't think females are that competitive," sophomore Shannon Nobile said.

"You wouldn't believe the trash talking in the locker room."

Although gym was thought of as an easy class, students sometimes competed in concern for their grades. "The main reason why I compete in gym and actually try is because I want to make a good grade. I don't want a stupid class like gym to pull down my GPA," sophomore Russell Taylor said.

Gym classes were a way for students to release energy and get a workout. "The reason I'm competitive is because I like sports and I use the time in gym to get rid of all of my extra energy," senior David Theobald said.

Sophomore Tracie VanHeeswyk had a different opinion about competition in gym class. "Gym is just a bunch of people dressed alike. There is absolutely no competition.

Nobody ever really tries. I don't understand why it's a required class for freshmen and sophomores. It's definitely a pretty pointless class if you ask me," Tracie said.

Gym classes gave students a chance to work out, make a good grade, get rid of energy, or be competitive.

Beth Ann Thomas

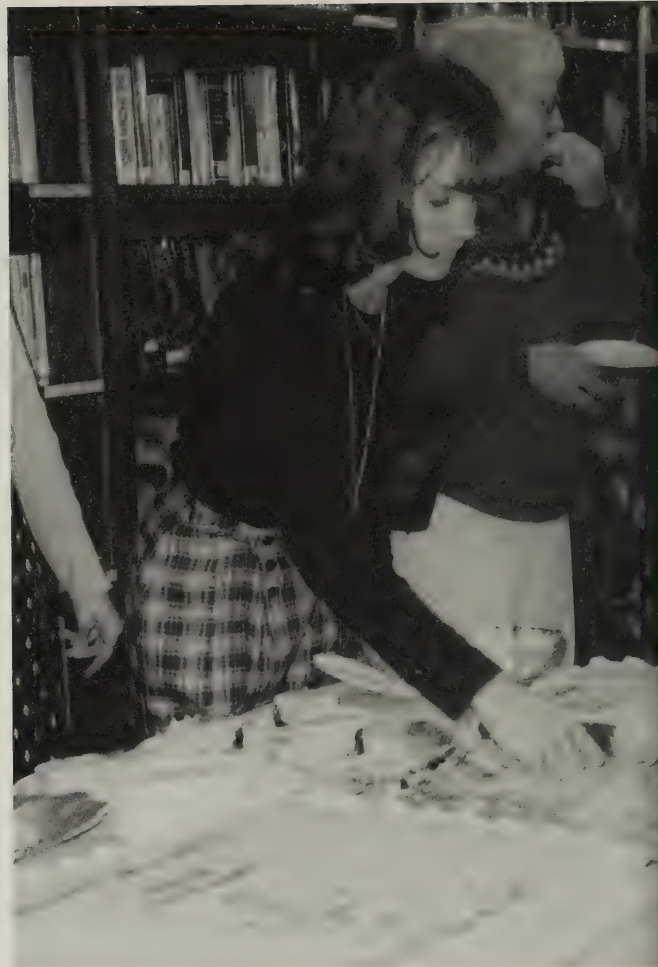


YOU'RE GOING down!" was the infamous phrase between sophomores Mandie Kern and Nathan Howell as they got ready to race. Battle of the sexes was often enough of a spark to start the competition in gym class. Girls accepted the challenge to compete against guys to prove that they were equals.

WAITING THEIR TURN to bat, sophomores Curie Choi and Christy McIntyre discuss the day's occurrences. "Since we have sixth hour gym together Curie and I can talk about what has happened during the day," Christy said. Some students did not feel the need to compete, rather they used it as a social hour.

ENJOYING THEIR meal, freshmen Crystal Bullard and Laura Chapman practice proper table manners. They went to the Olive Garden with Mrs. Joan Wynn's Life Management Skills I class. They practiced both proper ordering skills and table manners.

AFTER THE NATIONAL Honor Society induction, guests were invited to a reception. As part of her family management class, sophomore Allyson Smith serves cake to the inductees. Volunteering was expected of students who were involved in home economics classes.



Unusual projects in work, family studies allow students to **Prepare Skillfully**

Kristin Martin

Marrying a fellow classmate for a grade. Carrying an egg around like a child. Does this sound unusual? Such projects were used in work and family studies courses to teach students life skills they would use in the future.

After studying specific areas during class, students learned more about the careers they were interested in. "World of Foods has helped me to discover how much I enjoy working with food and inspired me to become a chef. After I graduate I plan to enroll at Johnson and Wales University and work to build my own restaurant," junior Jennifer Kennedy said.

Students felt that home economics gave them a chance to experience different occupations. "For Interior Decorating we have to decorate a shoebox to make it look like a room. This class has given me the chance to experience different careers and occupations and helped me decide later on what I want to do with my career and the rest of my life," freshman Katie Lorigan said.

Skills learned in these classes often helped students

during everyday life. "I took Child Care in the fall. One thing that we had to do was carry an egg around for a week and pretend that it was a real baby. It definitely makes you realize just how much of a responsibility having and taking care of a baby really is," junior Crystal Ward said.

"We had to carry an egg around for a week."

"I decided to take Life Management Skills because I wanted to learn how to cook and because I really love to eat. I also learned about table manners, which in the long run is pretty important," sophomore Jacob Inge said.

Other projects were mainly just for fun, but they also helped students refine some of their skills. "I made a pair of flannel pajama pants for my friend Steve Carmine. With the leftover fabric I made scrunchies for all of my friends," senior Jennifer Lemons said.

Some thought work and family studies was an easy way to go on trips. "It's a lot of fun. We go on lots of field trips and it's an easy credit," junior Rikki Stetson said.

Unusual assignments allowed students to explore career options and learn basic home economic skills.





FAMILY MANAGEMENT Skills was a course that required students to create an article of clothing. With a short time until the assignment was due, senior Jennifer Lemons sews the final stitches into her garment. Once she finished with the needle and thread, she tried on her newly-made pair of shorts to check her work.

WHEN THE HOLIDAY season arrived, students in Life Management Skills class set aside a day to have a party and exchange gifts. Some of the students who had not yet received a gift pass the packages around the table as the rest of the class watches. Once all packages were opened, members ate refreshments.





DURING ANATOMY and genetics, juniors Sam Cowles and Pedro Garcia study their flies. "Pedro and I had our fruit fly project due. We had to look into the microscope to see which ones were male and female," Sam said. The fruit fly labs were just one of many labs that the class had to do throughout the year.

PUTTING THE PIN IN the tapeworm, sophomore Laura Jenkins makes sure it is in place. Mr. Bob Gemmill's sixth hour biology class dissected tapeworms and other invertebrates. Students received a worksheet with directions and questions and were left with the rest of the class period to perform the dissection.



Labs help future scientists understand concepts, while teaching them to

Measure Accurately

Do you have your lab glasses? Check. Your apron? Check. Now you are all set to begin your lab.

Labs were a welcomed break in the everyday routine of notes and lectures. Students enjoyed them because they were usually graded on effort, not knowledge. "Labs in biology are really fun because they are pretty easy, and it's a really great hands-on experience. They boost your grade because you get a good grade for trying," sophomore Kristi Sutton said.

Before students began the lab their teacher gave them a set of specific step-by-step directions to follow. If the directions were not followed carefully, the lab would be a disaster. Physics class was an exception to this rule. "We don't really have any directions to follow in our labs in physics. We get the basic ideas and do it ourselves," junior Michelle Harrell said.

Most science students saw labs as an easy grade booster. They were usually done two times a month and

only lasted one class period. This, however, was not the case in Mr. Bob Gemmill's anatomy and genetics class. "In anatomy and genetics class we do a lot of labs. Our whole grade is based on our labs, unlike other classes

where labs are mostly graded on effort and boost your grade easily. It's hard work, but it is a lot of fun because Mr. Gemmill is teaching the class," junior Kristi Geppert said.

Labs helped to reinforce a specific topic being discussed in class. They were an added hands-on tool that were not required, but were often utilized by teachers. "Labs in chemistry class really help me to understand what we are talking about in class. It is easier to understand how two chemicals react or how atoms are formed if you do a lab, rather than just see the subject matter on paper in diagrams, vocabulary or notes," junior Jarrett Yehlen said.

No matter what science class students were taking, labs were a common part of every class.

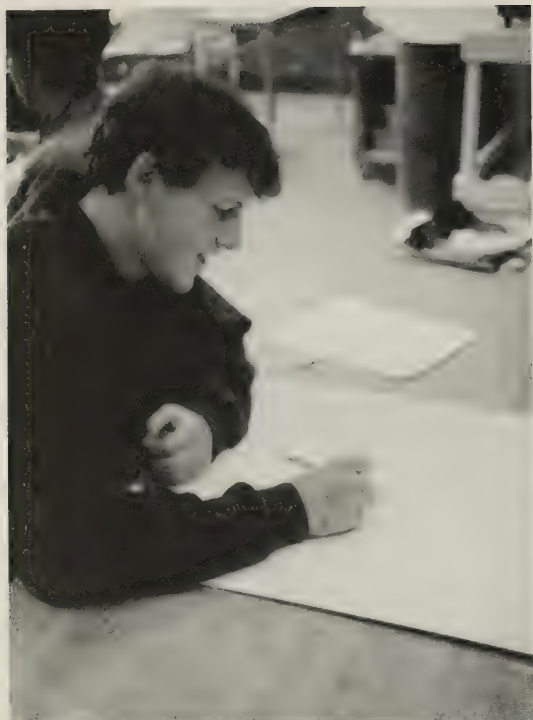
Meghan Steele

"It's a really great hands-on experience."



MEASURING OUT sodium chloride on the electric scale, freshman George Hudgins makes sure he has the correct amount. Students were required to wear safety goggles and aprons whenever they participated in experiments.

DURING CHEMISTRY class, junior Pete Anderson and senior Jason Forrest work on a lab. "I was about to kill Jason because Mrs. Sutton had just said if your group breaks anything you pay for it, and sure enough Jason broke the dish," Pete said.



ERASING HIS PENCIL sketch, senior Donnie Gardner prepares to redo his artwork. As artists, students had to be patient when they made mistakes, and could not be discouraged easily.

IN FIFTH HOUR POTtery and crafts, senior Christina Dominguez works on a paper weave. The students took two pieces of paper, cut them into strips and wove them together. They then either made a piece of jewelry or a box out of their weave, which took approximately one class period per strip to weave.



Working on art projects require artists to

Create Patiently

Nine weeks for just one single project?!? Students quickly discovered that to excel in art classes they needed to have not only the ability, but also the patience. "Many people who are gifted in art still need to have patience. Patience allows an artist to produce a flawless piece of artwork. It's a good quality," senior Carmen Daniels said. Sophomore Ruth Ann Hultman agreed that patience had an effect on the finished project. "I think that it takes more patience than ability. Even if someone isn't really good at a certain project, if they take their time the project will all turn out good," Ruth Ann said. Students found out that once they entered more advanced art classes, one project could take weeks to complete. "In Art IV we usually work on big projects that take up a whole quarter. It depends on the person whether or not time is a factor on the quality of work," senior Claire Shanafelt said. Besides patience, there were other qualities a person

needed to become a good artist. "To be a good artist you have to be very open-minded and aware of the environment around you. You also can't be afraid to think differently from everyone else," junior Brad Elsass said.

"You also can't be afraid to think differently from everyone else."

Although art was full of tedious projects, students also remembered that the point of electives was to have fun. "I think I'm a pretty good artist, not necessarily because of my ability, but because I really enjoy working with art and all of the projects we do in that class," freshman Melissa Fishman said.

Students did not always have patience if they were not interested in the project. "We did this project in pottery where you had to weave this piece of paper and stick it on to a box. It was so hard, and I didn't have the patience to make it look right. That was just about the dumbest project I've ever done," junior Jamison Potter said.

Each art student had qualities that made a good artist, whether it was patience, open-mindedness, or interest.

Aimee Halvorson



ART II STUDENTS used oil paints to create a landscape. After preparing his color palette for the day, sophomore Eric Freeman mixes colors to obtain the shade he needs for his design. The final painting was not due until four weeks after it was assigned, but students budgeted their time carefully.

PUTTING THE FINISHING touches on her pencil sketch, senior Angela Taliaferro prepares her drawing to be painted. "I love my sixth hour art class. Art is my escape from AP classes. It works out well because usually I don't feel like doing anything that involves a lot of thinking," Angela said.

PLAYING HIS TRUMPET, freshman Jamie Maxwell tried to learn a new piece of music. Sophomore Steven Feigh points to the line for Jamie to start on. Sometimes the students rehearsed individually during class, instead of as a group, allowing them to work on their specific weaknesses.

WITH EXTRA TIME AT the end of class, junior Nicole Morehouse and sophomore Lara Brown practice their required exercise on the keyboard. "We were learning to play melodies on the keyboard for our test. It's pretty easy, because all we have to do is play for Mrs. Little," Nicole said.



To perform well before an audience, participants in band, chorus, drama must

Practice Repeatedly

Craig Gallager

The conductor raises his baton. The choral director hammers out a rousing introduction on the piano. The spotlight brightens as the curtain opens. Soon the performance commences as the actors, singers, and musicians display what they have prepared.

Participants in band, drama, and chorus attended rehearsals both during school hours and in the evening in order to learn and repeatedly drill the material they would later execute before spectators.

Students believed that at times rehearsals could be dull, but nonetheless beneficial. "With rehearsals, you have to hammer into your brain the exact same thing day after day until it is as simple and boring as breathing.

Without them, however, we would be in trouble when performance time comes," sophomore Paul Gilbert said.

Often individuals felt more comfortable about a performance once they knew they had adequately rehearsed for it. "Rehearsals are important because without them

we would be stuck at home with nothing to do but worry about how bad the show is going to be," freshman Krist White said.

Students in productions saw the connections between good practice and a good play. "We have to rehearse long and hard to prepare for a play because all of the actors need to know where to go, what to say, when to say it, and how the lines should be said. Plus, it gives us an excuse to be away from our parents," senior Amanda Robertson said.

Choral music students who performed in one of the advanced show choirs learned vocal selections and choreography. "This was my first year with Garnet and Gold, and it has

been a lot of hard work. We are reviewing dance steps and vocal parts until the moment we set foot on stage. It is stressful, and the constant repetition can get frustrating, but I think everyone is secretly glad that we practice so much," junior Becky Marlowe said.

"You have to hammer into your brain the same thing day after day."



ACTORS IN DRAMA club productions attended numerous two-hour rehearsals to practice their lines, gestures, and entrances and exits for the show. With his script in hand, junior Matt Willams attempts to recall a line as freshman Diana Fithian awaits her cue to leave the scene.

WITH THE ACCOMPANIMENT of the piano, juniors Ashley Lamberton and Tara Starnner practice their part for their upcoming concert with Garnet and Gold. As sopranos they sang more of the melody, unlike the altos, who sang the harmony.





AS STATE VICA TREASURER, senior Valerie Moore performs one of her duties. Valerie was passing out fliers with an article about VICA which had appeared in *USA Today*. This was just one way Valerie helped to promote VICA to schools that didn't have it.

DURING HER SHIFT AT McDonald's, senior Schannel Morgart makes change for a drive-thru customer. VICA members chose from a variety of jobs. They went to school for half of the day and then went to work. They received both pay and school credit for their work.



Gaining credit while working on job site allows students to

Work Productively

"Would you like fries with your burger?"

These words were common among co-op students who received high school credit to go to school and then work at one of many different job sites.

Co-op students chose from many different jobs, depending on what they were interested in.

"I work after school at Playtime. I chose to work there because I really enjoy working with little kids and want to get experience in this field. I also get paid and receive two high school credits, so it's a pretty good deal," senior Jodi Koenig said.

Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA) was a club students were eligible to join when they enrolled in co-op. VICA took students to different conventions about once a month. "The reason I like VICA is because I get to meet new people from different schools instead of seeing the same faces everyday," senior Kristi Woody said.

VICA had different office positions that students held.

These offices were held at the district and state level.

"After being district treasurer for a year, I decided to run for state office. With the help of Mr. Kimsey and Patrick Rollins, I was able to win the office of state treasurer.

Being Virginia's VICA state treasurer has enabled me to travel, meet new people, and gain new friends. It was a very fun year," senior Valerie Moore said.

Students who were enrolled in co-op class had to go to school before they went to their specific job site. They took a class that Mr. Fred Kimsey, the VICA sponsor, taught in the morning. "In our class we learn about many different things. We learn all about jobs, how to get them, what to wear to interviews, and

how to fill out applications. We also learn about how to manage money, balance checkbooks and keep a budget," junior Amy Richardson said.

Co-op gave students a chance to experience different jobs to help them prepare for their future.

*"I also get paid
and receive two
high school
credits."*

Beth Ann Thomas



WAITING HIS TURN to be judged, senior Keith Stewart takes a breather. Attending job fairs was not an unusual part of VICA; almost every weekend there was some kind of competition. On Monday their sponsor, Mr. Fred Kimsey, informed everyone the results of the competition.

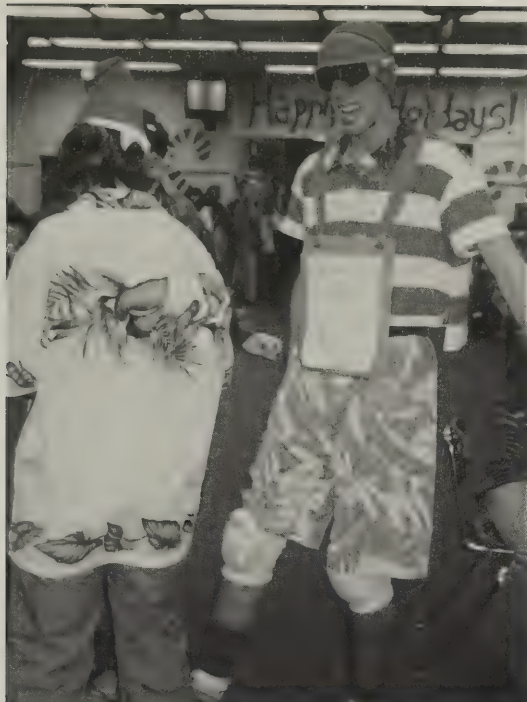
AT PATRICK HENRY Mall, seniors Jason Dudley, Kristi Woody, and Valerie Moore talk before they begin the VICA Bowl. "We were about to start the VICA quiz bowl. The quiz consisted of VICA, sports, history, and current events questions," Valerie said.



Wearing a yellow wig and sunglasses, junior Kevin Batchelder shows his spirit while playing in the band. The band played at the Homecoming pep rally to pump up the crowd and football players. Students wore wigs, face paint, and costumes to support their classes or organizations.

As the Homecoming Court walks down the 50-yard line, junior Nicole Morehouse presents her flag. The Color Guard practiced six hours a week and performed at the home football games during halftime. They also competed with the band and were in the Homecoming parade.





Dancing with other elves, senior Joe Flannery performs for A lunch. Rent-an-elf was sponsored by SCA as an activity for the winter holidays. Students were auctioned off during lunches and were all-day slaves to the people who bought them.

All Around the Town

Clubs allow for involvement, activities

The announcements end, the final bell rings, the lockers slam like machine guns, and students rush out to their buses and cars. You walk down the hallway and into an empty classroom. You, along with other involved students, have to attend a club meeting.

Students joined clubs because it was to their advantage. "I enjoy participating in clubs because I like to stay busy and involved. I like to make a difference. It is part of my social life because I meet new people and am able to do things with them through clubs," junior class president Craig Gallaer said.

Club members participated in various activities consisting of adopt-a-spot, scavenger hunts, fund raisers, nursing home visitation, canned food drives, and field trips. They met at different places. It didn't matter what activity was taking place, clubs were seen and happening

All Around the Town.

Glittery poster board, speeches, colorful stickers advertise running candidates

Persuaded



SENIOR SCA REPRESENTATIVES Front:

Sunny Claussen, Valerie Sledd **2nd:** Maura Garvey, Jaclyn Smith, Sylvia Corneliussen, Shannon Weisner, Colleen Bresnan **Back:** Mark Avallone, Jason Abbott, Jon Lange, Karen Feigh



JUNIOR SCA REPRESENTATIVES Front:

Rebecca Turbush, Randi Webb, Kathy Fowler, Ashleigh Schuller **Back:** Dave Shannon, Blair Hardaway, Chris Young, Nina Richardson



SOPHOMORE SCA REPRESENTATIVES

Front: Derek Juang, Natalie Stallings, Meghan Steele, Shannon Nobile **Back:** Jamie Bundlie, Aaron Gaul, Kristy Sutton, Tracie VanHeeswick



FRESHMAN SCA REPRESENTATIVES

Front: Jamie Gatz, Sally Beazlie, Julia Goldman, Ann Cox **Back:** Lauren Cochet, Jason Freeman, Will Powell, John Pauls

What would someone do to help make school decisions and be a leader?

On April 11, seven students gave speeches to those of the student body who had registered to vote. However, before the speeches were made, the candidates let the student body know that they were running by petitioning, making posters, and passing out candy. Three of the candidates ran uncontested, but they still needed a majority of the votes. The other four candidates competed for the offices of vice president and president.

The freshmen were not used to the new formats of elections. "I thought the elections were fun because we got to get out of class. Some of the speeches were fun to listen to. It was different than last year because I had to register to vote," freshman Lisa Schweneker said.

Candy was passed out before the speeches were made. "The elections were fun, but I

wish there had been more people running. It's always fun to get candy from the candidates, but it really doesn't influence my decision on who to vote for," sophomore Shelly Pennow said.

Not registering to vote caused junior Sandy Shandor to miss out on the speech assembly. "I didn't get to go because I forgot to register, but when everyone was going to the assembly, I wish I had," she said.

The speeches themselves were an important part of the elections. "The elections this year were short, but very entertaining. A couple candidates got the audience involved with talking to and massaging people around them. It was a great way to make a friend," sophomore Jamie Bundlie said.

After all of the efforts of campaigning and speeches were made, the students picked who they thought would best represent them as leaders.

by Sunny Claussen



After the speeches by the SCA office candidates were made, ballots were passed out to the students. Juniors Alexis Ross and Ian Lamprecht share a fold-out desk in the forum to mark their ballots. The students picked their favorite candidates and dropped their ballots in a box on their way out of the forum.



Crowd involvement proved vital to junior Nina Richardson's speech. Nina had the student body make sounds that "produced" rain, such as snapping fingers, rubbing hands, slapping legs, and clapping. Nina won the position of SCA vice-president for the 1997-1998 school year.



Underclassmen were required to register to vote in order to attend the SCA election assembly. Freshman Steven Purdy gets his name checked off a list by senior Emily Shepherd to verify his registration. Current SCA officers stood by each entrance to the forum with a list of registered voters to make sure no unregistered students attended the speeches.

After the candidates gave their speeches, students cast their votes. Juniors Blair Hardaway and Kathleen Kreiger make their final decisions before dropping off their ballots. Candidates ran for the positions of SCA president, vice-president, corresponding secretary, recording secretary, and treasurer.



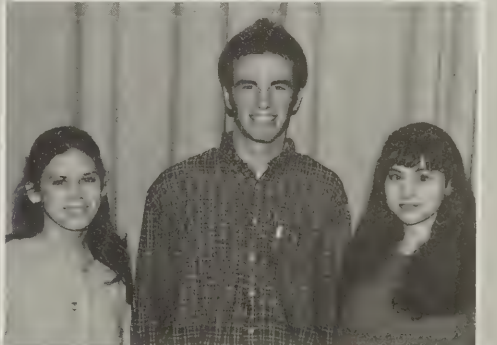
SCA OFFICERS Justin Threlkeld, Emily Shepherd, Andrew Shtulman, Heather Arms



SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS Karen Feigh, Jason Abbott, Jaclyn Smith, Colleen Bresnan



JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS Craig Gallaer, Stacey Stone, Beth Ann Thomas, Chris Fortier



SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS Lorri Singleton, Paul Keddell, Amber Normandin



FRESHMAN CLASS OFFICERS Sally Beazlie, John Pauls, David Stutt, Jason Freeman



ACAPPELLA Front: Susan Hogge, Jenny Stallings, Tara Starner, Amanda Metcalf, Sunny Claussen, Kristy Ernzen, Jackie Wingfield 2nd: Lorri Singleton, Traci Hazen, Sarah Dewey, Justin Threlkeld, Matt Insley, Amy Richardson, Suzanne Ayres, Liz Render 3rd: Kim Watkins, Marni Luthie, Jake Webb, Jason Barnett, Clint Davis, Jordan Johnson, Kelly Insley, Renee Booth, Katie Martin Back: Karen Forrest, Charlotte Teague, Jimmy Pierce, Shayne Zasimowich, Dan McAdams, Jeremy Rogers, Bonnie Cannon, Taylor Morgan



SOUNDSATION Front: Amanda Metcalf, Tara Starner, Sunny Claussen, Jackie Wingfield 2nd: Sarah Dewey, Jenny Stallings, Kristy Ernzen, Liz Render 3rd: Kim Watkins, Clint Davis, Jason Barnett, Katie Martin Back: Charlotte Teague, Jimmy Pierce, Dan McAdams, Jeremy Rogers, Amy Richardson



GARNET & GOLD Front: Stephanie Cordell, Sunny Claussen, Michelle Harrell, Heather Arms 2nd: Tara Starner, Jenny Holland, Emily Shepherd, Rachel Gilbert, Sarah Kreiger, Shelly Pennow 3rd: Nicole Morehouse, Becky Marlowe, Lara Brown, Kelly Insley, Gretchen Zohn, Katie Martin Back: Danielle Kukich, Ashley Lamberton, Melissa Carter, Valerie Moore, Jennifer Lemons, Maura Garvey, April Butler



Unexpected situations, program changes, stress
part of competition experience

Performed

Think in tune. Don't forget the choreography. Remember to make that phrase more legato. And always, *always* smile.

Approximately one-third of the student population heard instructions similar to these in the weeks leading up to competition. The Islander marching band attended ten competitions in the fall, and the two show choirs, Soundsation and Garnet & Gold, competed three times during March.

Preparation for these competitions began in the summer for the band and when school resumed for the choirs. Drum majors and dance captains held an even greater responsibility in making sure students were prepared. "Being a dance captain takes dedication. It's a lot harder than most people think," senior Gretchen Zohn said.

All of this preparation required work for students. "It takes up a lot of your time. It's like a relationship. It's total commitment,"

junior Kim Watkins said.

Competitions also caused stress. "Competitions can put a lot of pressure on you. Once, I got so nervous I could barely eat. I fainted after we left the stage," freshman Jackie Wingfield said.

Even though it was a lot of extra work and very stressful, most students found that it was well worth it. "The competitions may have been really cold, and we got 'the shaft' a lot, but when we won after performing our best, it was great," junior Marc McGarry said.

Another plus of going to competitions was getting to meet other people. "Competitions are my favorite time of year. You get to see so much talent and meet a ton of really great people from other groups," junior Tara Starner said.

Whether competitions were enjoyable or horrible, they were certainly a unique part of anyone's high school life.

by Sarah Dewey



Leading the Christmas parade, the band marched for a rating by three judges. The two other competitors were Yorktown Fife and Drum Corps and Norfolk Sanitation District. Following the beat of the percussion, sophomore Kelly Longstreet and freshman Erin Smith keep in step. The band got an overall third place.

After competing, students had the chance to evaluate their performance. At the Central Virginia Show Choir Invitational, seniors Stephanie Cordell and Valerie Moore, junior Tara Starnier and sophomore Shelly Pennow talk after finishing. Their show consisted of five songs. Garnet and Gold took home the award for best show design.



At the festival chorus concert, the three choirs had a chance to practice their classical music District Choral Festival. Sophomore Charlotte League and freshman Jackie Wingfield sing a duet in Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Pie Jesu."



As the other girls get ready, senior Sunny Claussen and Kecoughtan senior JoAnne Freeman laugh at mishaps in the room. JoAnne served as a guide from Kecoughtan High School to show Poquoson around. Each group got a classroom of their own for the day to get ready and store their clothes and props.



BRASS & PERCUSSION Front: Chris French, Allison Quenville, Eric Jack, Matt Shepherd 2nd: Jonathan Falls, Jamie Maxwell, Phil Prisco, Daniel Martinez, Britney Compton 3rd: Andrew Staton, Steven Feigh, Kevin Batchelder, Matt Britt, David Mattson, Marc McGary Back: Eric Stinson, Jarrett Yehlen, Mike French, Ryan Ferry, Eric Smith, Adam Stout



WOODWINDS Front: Tara Kehoe, Christina Moore, Elizabeth French, Michelle Marshall, Barbara Barthelmy, Nicole Knudsen, Diana Benner, Gary Jack 2nd: Tiffany Ferrell, Erin Smith, Amanda Kern, Leslie Jones, Amanda Swilley, Jackie Erzen, Melissa Fishman, April Klaassen, Krystal Hopson, Sarah Cain 3rd: Sandy Quinn, Teresa Betts, Kara Jones, Ricky Sledd, Lara Brown, Jennifer Bookwalter, Kim Garris, Kelly Longstreet, Lauren Cochet, Paul Rosensteel, Pat Piercefield Back: Christine Topping, Amanda Herring, Andrew Stuart, Cody Spencer, James Rosensteel, Sam Cowles, Joe Flannery, Preston Noe, Casey Carr, Mary Montalvo, Dana Montgomery



DRUM MAJORS Amanda Palmer, Preston Noe, Danielle Kukich



DEBATE Front: Andrea Hunter, Curie Choi, Barbara Barthelmy, Mina Tabibi Back: Mrs. Nancy Gore, Gabby Davis, Cody Camblin



FORENSICS Front: Jennifer Chung, Sarah Dewey, Kathy Fowler, Ashleigh Schuller, Courtney Judd 2nd: Victoria Harper, Becky Marlowe, Sara Thomas, Alison Mast, Karen Feigh, Rachel Fithian 3rd: Pat Piercefield, Jackie Erzen, Mary Serels, Andrew Shtulman, Gabby Davis, Cody Camblin, Kristen White Back: Judd Compton, Matt Williams, Jennifer Kennedy, Craig Gallae, Chris Fortier, Brad Ambrose, Jon Lange, Chris Young



OM Front: Joe Swanson, Curie Choi, Christy McIntyre 2nd: Derek Juang, Erica Kohr, John Winstead, Britney Compton Back: Josh Gross, Steve Gula, Gabby Davis, Andrew Shtulman



VA MATH LEAGUE Front: Mrs. Nancy Gore, Sylvia Corneliussen, Leanne Phillips, Mary Beth Evans, Grace Ahn 2nd: Ming Eng, Shari Gross, Alison Mast, Charles Juhl, Chris Young Back: Steven Tom, Chris Carter, Jason Abbott, Dave Shannon, Gabby Davis, Vikram Vatsa

As part of the induction ceremony, inductees were tapped in their classrooms by a current member of the National Honor Society and brought to the forum. Senior Amanda Robertson laughs as she escorts junior Michael DuBose to his seat. "The ceremony was fun, except when I almost set Courtney Judd's hair on fire," Mike said.

After the NHS inductions, current and new members and their parents enjoyed a reception in the library. Junior Ryan Hunter fills his plate with food from one of the many tables set up. Current NHS members brought in a variety of food and two special cakes were bought. Many of the students remained in the library through fourth hour.



High GPAs, good behavior, community involvement and students place in honor society

Recognized

The excitement. The anticipation. The nervousness. The butterflies in your stomach.

These feelings were experienced by most of the National Honor Society inductees as they waited for their name to be called. Being inducted into the National Honor Society was considered to be the highest honor a student could receive, and most of the inductees' families and friends were there to see them.

Students were called on stage one at a time by Mrs. Sutton in order to be inducted. "I was the first one to be inducted, so the ceremony itself made me nervous, but it was a special ceremony for honor students. I definitely thought that being inducted in NHS made us feel special," senior Grace Ahn said.

Some students couldn't wait for the ceremony to end because the amount of people being inducted made it lengthy. "I thought the ceremony was too drawn out for the crowd.

Other than that, it was really nice to be treated so special," junior Elizabeth Render said.

Inductees felt very honored to be chosen for the NHS. "I was excited to be inducted because it was a big achievement," junior Miranda Wichelns said.

Most of the inductees enjoyed the reception afterwards. "The induction was very nice, but the whole day was special. I got so stuffed at the reception! We got to hang out in the library with our friends the entire morning," junior Mary Beth Evans said.

Students who had a high GPA, were involved in different organizations, and were recommended by teachers were considered for the National Honor Society. A committee then reviewed the nominees and selected the new National Honor Society. "It was great to know that all the hard work I did paid off. It was a real honor," junior Christa Stutt said.

by Jennifer Mabe



When an inductee was called on stage, he or she was given a candle to light. Smiling as he receives his candle from NHS president Leanne Phillips, junior Chad Shelton walks to the table where a larger candle was set up for the inductees to light their own candles. Chad then joined the other inductees on the risers at the rear of the stage.



At the National Honor Society reception, seniors Kristin Martin and Lindsay Keddell ladle punch for the inductees. Members of FHA helped out after the induction ceremony by serving drinks and cake. Kristin said, "Lindsay and I helped out last year too. After everyone left all of the servers got to eat the leftover food."



MU ALPHA THETA Front: Sarah Dewey, Aimee Halvorson, Joyce Yue, Suzanne Ayres 2nd: Mrs. Nancy Gore, Maddie Beard, Jennifer Haczewski, Anthony Koth 3rd: Tommy Crittenden, Cory Groseth, Karen Feigh, Andrew Shtulman Back: Judd Compton, Amanda Robertson, Ryan Hall, Matt Williams, Jeff Norris



ACADEMIC CHALLENGE Front: Derek Juang, Jennifer Bookwalter, Curie Choi Back: Cody Spencer, Josh Grohs, Steven Feigh, Matthew Britt



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY Front: Jaclyn Smith, Leanne Phillips, Amy Hultman, Shazia Ismail 2nd: Maura Garvey, Katie Edwards, Jessica Jeffreys, Jennifer Haczewski, Andrew Shtulman, Amanda Robertson 3rd: Maddie Beard, Preston Noe, Jeremy Seltzer, Ryan Hall, Angela Taliaferro, Anthony Koth, Karen Feigh Back: Mike Moore, Chuck Winstead, Lee Olson, Donnie Todd, Jason Abbott, Jon Lange, Gabby Davis, Brian Savage



VARSITY ACADEMIC CHALLENGE Front: Carolynn Roncaglia, Katie Boyle, Chuck Juhl 2nd: Judd Compton, Sammy Choi, Chris Young, Gabby Davis Back: Steven Tom, Matt Williams, Ryan Hall, Jon Lange



KEY CLUB 12 Front: Amy Blankenship, Melissa Moore, Heather Arms, Leanne Phillips, Valerie Sledd, Katie Edwards 2nd: Mark Philbeck, Suzi Thomas, Shazia Ismail, Grace Ahn, Sylvia Corneliussen, Jennifer Staton, Amy Hultman 3rd: Melissa Carter, April Butler, Sarah Meyer, Joelle Hogge, Colleen Bresnan, Kevin Jones, Angela Taliaferro, Jessica Jeffreys, Kristi Woody Back: J.M. Nobile, Mike Andriunas, Mike Moore, Chris Lorigan, Jeff Scott, Joe Flannery, Brad Ambrose, Jesse Buchanan, Chuck Winstead



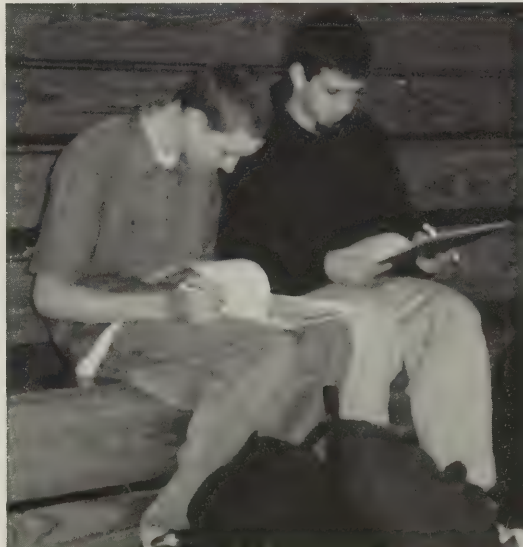
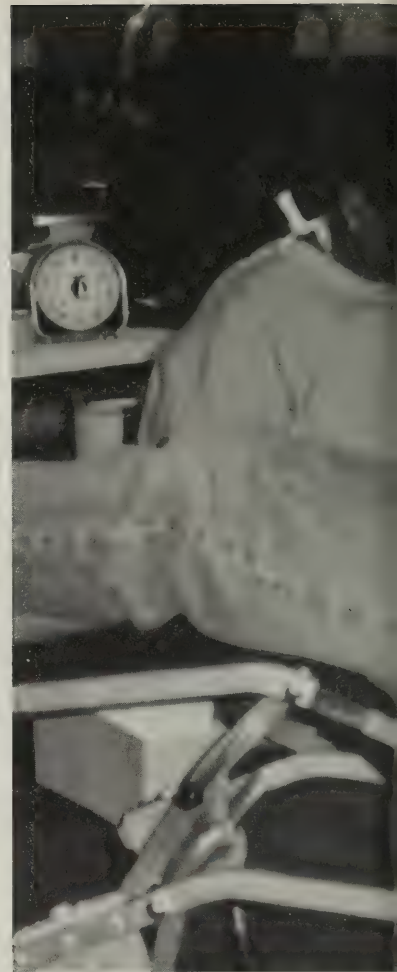
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KEY CLUB UNDERCLASS Front: Cody Spencer, Paul Keddell, Stephanie Skinner, Scott Howell, Josh Simon, Matt Britt 2nd: Derek Juang, Lindsey Lane, Jennifer Zaremba, Justin Finch, Michelle Marshall, Jennifer Chung, Pong Jackson, Barbara Barthelmy, Kristina Moore 3rd: Justin Threlkeld, Jamie Bundlie, Andrea Hunter, Meghan Steele, April Klaassen, Amber Kaiser, Christy McIntyre, Erica Kohr, Mina Tabibi, Jason Freeman 4th: Carolyn Roncaglia, J.B. Richardson, Katie Boyle, Kelly Longstreet, Shannon Nobile, Katie Powell, Mandy Kern, Paul Gilbert, Leslie Jones, Alison Gooding, Katherine Boddy, Jamie Gatz Back: Chris Render, Aaron Gaul, Ruth Ann Hultman, Kim Garris, Jenny Lippincott, Jenny Brown, Ann Cox, John Pauls, Teresa Betts, Suchi Vatsa, Ricky Sledd

While having his blood taken, senior Marco Migliore squeezes a little red ball. Students had to keep their blood flowing at a regular pace. Squeezing the ball helped to accomplish this.

At the Key Club blood drive, senior Drew Whitam lays back and relaxes as a pint of blood is taken, and senior Jeff Scott fans him. Afterwards Drew drank some juice and ate cookies. "Giving blood wasn't as big of a deal as my friends thought it would be. It didn't hurt as much as I thought it would. It was all psychological. Even though it gave me a big bruise on my arm, I'd do it again because it's for a good cause," Drew said.



Sitting on the bleachers, juniors Casey Liscum and Tom Jenkins fill out forms before giving blood. The forms asked general questions about the student, as well as questions about recent surgery or body piercings. Also, students who had a high temperature or who weighed less than 110 pounds weren't allowed to give blood.



After giving blood, senior Malcolm Matheson gets fanned by sophomore Kim Garris. Students who gave blood had to be fanned if they felt faint so that they wouldn't pass out. They were also given juice and cookies for nourishment.



Donated blood, volunteered time, Red Cross,
Key Club help sick, injured

Drained

Please fill out a form. Let me take your temperature. Squeeze the ball. Would you like some cookies?

The Red Cross blood drive came to school in early March. Key Club members volunteered their time as a community service. Sophomore Kim Garriss said, "I fanned people when they felt like they were going to pass out. Other volunteers worked at the canteen, giving out food and drinks."

Students who were not old enough to give blood themselves got involved through working at the blood drive. "Giving blood is a good thing. There are many people out there that need blood, and I'm glad that I was a part of the drive. I can't wait until I can give blood next year," junior Patrick Johnson said. Students had to be seventeen to donate blood.

Students liked helping at the blood drive so much that many did it every year. "This was my second year volunteering. It's also funny

hearing the students and teachers who come in to give blood talking about the blood drive, why they did it, and how brave they were to get through it," junior Alison Mast said.

For many students the blood drive was their first opportunity to give blood. "It was my first time donating blood, so I was kind of scared at first. Then I saw others do it, and it really wasn't that bad. I became dizzy afterwards, though, and some people had to walk me to a reclining cot. I recommend others give blood. It doesn't hurt, and you get free cookies and drinks," senior Grace Ahn said.

With the blood drive, everyone who wanted to help had a chance. Students who were able and willing to give blood directly aided those who needed it. Students who were unable or unwilling to donate helped by volunteering their time to work at the drive. Between these two groups many of students were involved in the blood drive in some way.

by Nicole Feldt



SADD UNDERCLASS Front: Alison Quenville, Ali Ross, Christy McIntyre, Andrea Hunter, Mary Beth Evans
2nd: Alison Mast, Kathleen Kreiger, Blair Hardaway, Stacey Davenport, Erica Kohr 3rd: Suchi Vatsa, Teresa Betts, Jama Tysarczyk, Jodi Koenig, Mandy Kern, Jennifer Mabe
Back: Shari Gross, April Weaver, Nina Richardson, Vince Figuenick, Brian Jordan, Carrie Goff



SADD 12 Front: Aimee Halvorson, Jennifer Haczewski, Leanne Philips 2nd: Kristin Martin, Sylvia Corneliussen, Heather Ivey, Miyon Kim 3rd: Colleen Bresnan, Grace Ahn, Jennifer Davison, Shazia Ismail Back: Vikram Vatsa, Ashley West, Tracy Morse, Angela Taliaferro, Dana Montgomery



SCARE Front: Suchi Vatsa, Alicia Dezern, Heather Arms 2nd: Jennifer Snyder, Jama Tysarczyk, Grace Ahn, Remle Diggs, Rachel Gilbert Back: Maura Garvey, Carolyn Roncaglia, Gabby Davis, Chris Hall, Tyler St.Clair, Sarah Meyer



CHESS CLUB Brian Jordan, Vince Figuenick, Patrick Rault, Josh Lemmons

Drafts, peer review, corrections, altered layouts
part of perfecting publications

Revised



QUILL AND SCROLL Front: Sylvia Corneliussen, Rebecca Turkish Back: Katie Edwards, Nicole Feldt, Beth Ann Thomas



YEARBOOK Front: Sunny Claussen, Kristin Martin, Jennifer Mabe, Meghan Steele 2nd: Aimee Halvorson, Rebecca Turkish, Sarah Dewey 3rd: Daniel Wong, Becky David, Erin Murphy, Amy Hultman Back: Craig Gallauer, Nicole Feldt, Jason Bryant, Beth Ann Thomas



NEWSPAPER Front: Wendy Sellers, Ashleigh Schuller, Leanne Phillips, Sylvia Corneliussen 2nd: Brian Jordan, Crystal Thrasher, Christa Stutt, Colleen Bresnan, Katie Edwards, Jaclyn Smith 3rd: Maura Garvey, Kevin McClellan, Jake Webb, Phillips Booker, Kristi Woody, Tim Mattson Back: Chris Young, Jason Bryant, Patrick Johnson, Brad Elsass, J.M. Nobile, Albert Bowden



INTERNATIONAL CLUB Front: Sarah Dewey, Victoria Harper, Kathy Fowler, Ashleigh Schuller 2nd: Suchi Vatsa, Jennifer Bookwalter, Britney Compton, Grace Ahn 3rd: Jama Tysarczyk, Carolyn Roncaglia, Teresa Betts, Chris Young, Pat Piercefield Back: Judd Compton, Vikram Vatsa, Chris Fortier, Jamie Rogers, Gabby Davis

Oh, great! This is the hundredth time it's been checked, and it's still not right!

This was how a writer felt after getting his edited story back for revision.

Even though students checked each other's writings, there always seemed to be something wrong. "I did an article on the Rhino's hockey team that was checked two or three times but still didn't get all the corrections. Mr. VanDervort checked my copy and found out I never mentioned hockey once," sophomore John Hardin said. John was in Mr. Mark VanDervort's Journalism I class.

Copy had to be rewritten several times because of lack of ideas. "I've had to do a truck article about what attract men and women to each other five times before it was accepted. I had writer's block, but there was more than one person covering it who gave me fresh ideas," junior Brad Elsass said.

A common problem was writing too much

or too little. "My biggest problem is making copy long enough. I always have to go back and get more quotes. The copy I wrote for elections had a whole column left. It was hard to get good quotes because the underclassmen didn't really care," junior Sarah Dewey, a yearbook staff member, said.

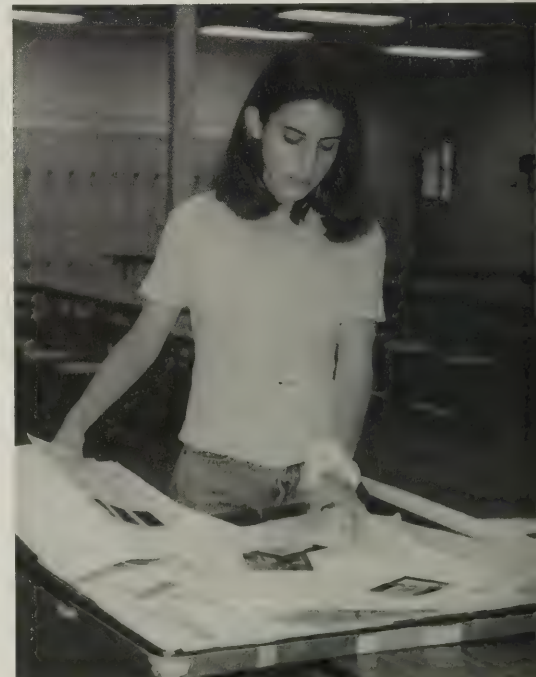
Editing a layout or story was not easy. "I had to edit a book for the Primary School that took forever but there are more layouts in the literary magazine. We have to make sure all the pictures and stories fit, so I think this will be harder," junior Jamie LaRue said about his work on *Bull-Lit*, the literary magazine.

Staff members, editors and teachers checked the stories, copies, or articles until they were correct. Then the copies were placed in their layouts and reviewed to make sure everything was correct. Journalism, literary magazine, and yearbook used this editing process.

by Daniel Wong



Before they turned in their copy, yearbook staff members did peer reviews. Peer reviews were when the staff read each other's copy and made suggestions on how to make them better written. Junior Jennifer Mabe and sophomore Daniel Wong discuss their copy before turning it in. Peer review was an important part of the yearbook editing process.



On alternating years, a group of students created the literary magazine called *Bull-Lit*. Junior Miranda Wichelns searches through a pile for pictures and artwork to put in the magazine. Sometimes a picture wouldn't fit in the layout so another one had to be found.



Pictures were cropped to make them fit in the space allotted to them. Sometimes the cropping was off or crooked, and it would have to be redone and corrected. During deadline week after school, junior Erin Murphy recrops a picture for the senior ads section. "I can't crop. I have to do it over again all the time," Erin said.

Making notes to herself about needed corrections, senior Sylvia Corneliussen revises a newspaper article. Journalism students stayed after school on the days before a deadline making last minute changes. Sylvia fixed an article about prom dresses before submitting it to advisor Mr. Mark VanDervort.



LITERARY MAGAZINE Front: Sara Breed, Alicia Dezern, Nicole Krakowski, Mary Beth Evans, Miranda Wichelns 2nd: Suzi Thomas, Erica Kohr, Amber Kaiser, Jennifer Snyder, Paul Rosensteel Back: Jamie LaRue, Robert Holloway, Nathan Holst, Matthew Britt, Vikram Vatsa



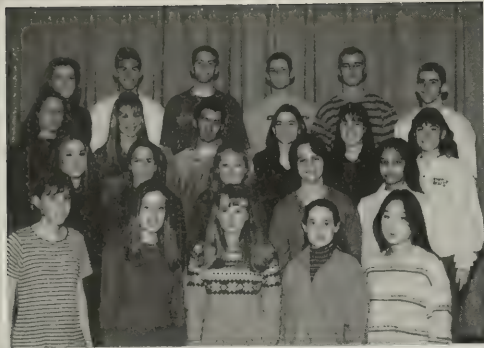
DRAMA CLUB Front: April Klaassen, Lorri Singleton, Kathy Fowler, Anna Russo, Victoria Harper, Ashleigh Schuller 2nd: Maureen Sontos, Paul Gilbert, Lara Brown, Sara Davenport, Sally Beazlie, Meredith Cassell, Becky Marlowe 3rd: Greg Deaver, Chris Miller, Melanie Buckley, Sarah Thomas, Ruth Ann Hultman, Rachel Ricklefs, Brandi Robinson, Jennifer Lemons, Ian Lamprecht Back: Pat Piercefield, Mike Nolan, Mary Sorrells, Amanda Robertson, Matt Williams, Chris Lorigan, Brad Elsass



FORENSICS VHSL Front: Jennifer Chung, Ashleigh Schuller, Courtney Judd, 2nd: Becky Marlowe, Rachel Fithian, Karen Feigh, Alison Mast 3rd: Pat Piercefield, Andrew Shtulman, Gabby Davis, Cody Camblin, Chris Young Back: Judd Compton, Matt Williams, Craig Gallaer, Chris Fortier, Brad Ambrose, Jon Lange



THESPIANS Front: Ian Lamprecht, Kristy Erzen, Stephanie Cordell, Sarah Dewey 2nd: Brad Elsass, Donnie Gardner, Michael DuBose, Chris Young Back: Chris Lorigan, Amanda Robertson, Jason Barnett, Craig Gallaer



SPECIAL FRIENDS - IN SCHOOL Front: Jennifer Staton, Emily Shepherd, Heather Arms, Stephanie Cordell, Miyon Kim **2nd:** Tiffany West, Jennifer Davison, Sarah Kreiger, Heather Ivey, Shazia Ismail **3rd:** Jessica Jeffreys, Gretchen Zohn, Josh Miller, Angie Houston, Jennifer Haczewski, Kristy Erzen **Back:** Ashley West, Mike Moore, Mike Andriliunas, Chris Riley, Anthony Ashley, Jason Forrest



SPECIAL FRIENDS - AFTER SCHOOL Front: Tara Starner, Amanda Metcalf, Josie Russo, Jenny Stallings, Rebecca Turbush, Meghan Steele, Natalie Stallings, Michelle Marshall, Allison Quenville, Leanne Phillips **2nd:** Kristy Erzen, Nicole Knudsen, Nicole Chirik, Anna Russo, Samantha Belanger, Kathleen Kreiger, Katie Edwards, Valerie Sledd, Britney Compton, Katie Creecy, Lauren Perdue **3rd:** Christine Topping, Blair Hardaway, Casie Conner, Jenny Shores, Mina Tabibi, Corie Forrest, Kristie Sutton, Carmen Daniels, Becky Erzen, Kim Gearhart, Allyson Smith **Back:** Becky Lawson, Jenny Lippincott, Robert Ankeney, Ashley West, Beth Ann Thomas, Sarah Meyers, Erin Murphy, April Butler, Nina Richardson, Arinn Johnson, Katherine Boddy



VICA Front: Natalie Wever, Amy Richardson, Meghan Winters, Seth Forrest, George Gori, Christine McBride, Jodi Koenig **2nd:** Scott Buckley, Ronnie Singleton, Ralph Mason, Kristi Woody, Dan Plotnik, Melissa Holsinger, Katie Ogiba **3rd:** Aimee Rector, Shawn Hanberry, Jennifer Harris, Valerie Moore, Marco Migliore, Mike Bell, Shawn Gillispie **Back:** Franziska Fischer, Leah Snyder, Jason Dudley, Shayne Zasimowich, Brian Ingram, Keith Stewart, Patrick Rollins



Cut-and-paste projects, entertaining stories,
patience part of being Special Friend

Helped

What do you think of when you see little kids? Do you think of obnoxious little brats? Do you think of sweet little angels? Would you voluntarily spend time with them? Or think of every excuse to stay away from them?

Special Friends took time out of their day to go to the primary school and help the teachers and their classes. In-school Special Friends visited the primary school during a free class period. After-school Special Friends went to the primary school after school until about 3:30 on certain days.

Students joined Special Friends because they enjoyed helping little kids. "I enjoy helping and working with younger children. They are a lot of fun to be around," junior Tiffany West said.

Special Friends had different jobs they did for their classes. "I help with Mrs. Hirschberg's class. Sometimes she makes me take kids

out separately and work with them in the library," freshman Anna Russo said.

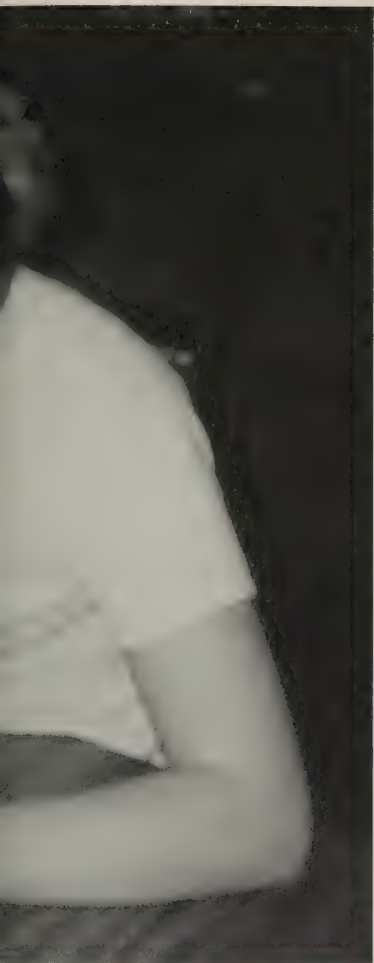
Special Friends wasn't work all the time. Students got to have fun with the children too. "I work with the kindergarten class. I take them outside and play with them on the playground," freshman Katherine Boddy said.

When students weren't doing something with the kids, they were helping out the teachers. "I usually grade papers, hang the kids' pictures on the wall, and I help the kids on the computer," sophomore Britney Compton said.

Some Special Friends worked with a single child. "I work with an individual kid. I play games with her and help her do her work. Sometimes we go outside and play on the playground," freshman Liz Powell said.

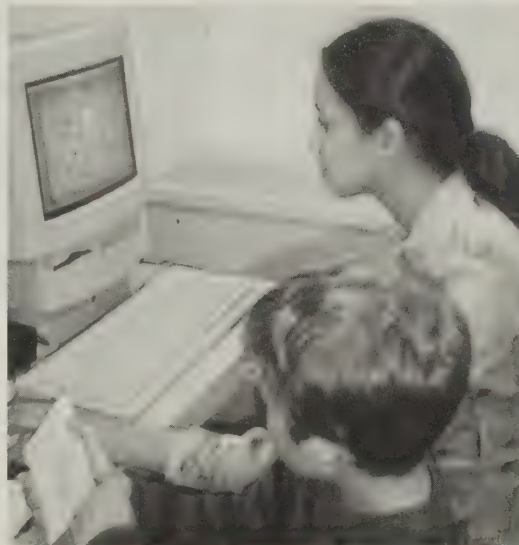
Students had different reasons for being Special Friend. Special Friends was for anyone who enjoyed being with young children and helping others.

by Jennifer Mabe



Showing her Special Friend Michael Harley how to spell a word, freshman Anna Russo helps him with his homework. Special Friends usually took individual children out of class and worked with them in the library. Other Special Friends worked with a whole classroom or as a teacher's aide.

When Special Friends didn't have to help the kids with their homework, they got to play games. Sophomore Jenny Lippincott plays Memory with second-grader Pam Drout. "I like to play games with little kids because I know I can beat them," Jenny said. They usually played games after all of their work was done.



Pointing on screen with the mouse, sophomore Mina Tabibi shows first-grader Sam Northcutt how to work the computer. Children needed help in areas other than their homework, like with computers. After finishing their work, Mina and Sam went outside to play. Mina was one of the Special Friends that went to the primary school after the high school had let out.

New Special Friends spent a day training at Newport News Park. Sophomore Natalie Stallings, senior Leanne Phillips, freshmen Amanda Metcalf and Anna Russo, and junior Erin Murphy attempt to walk across three boards without stepping off them. When they reached the end of a board, they had to pass it to the front of the line and start again.



FBLA Front: Lauren Perdue, Angie Houston, Carmen Daniels, Karen Basnett **2nd:** Joelle Hogge, Chad Shelton, Amy Blankenship, Michelle Dalbey **3rd:** Mike Andriunas, Billy Prince, John Hardin, Steven Gula, Amy Sutherland **Back:** Jesse Buchanan, Chris Swain, Dave Shannon, Maurice Kaiser, Mike Moore



FHA 11,12 Front: Valerie Sledd, Christine Leeson, Jennifer Davison, Jaclyn Smith **2nd:** Nicole Krakowski, Ashly Moore, Stacey Sawicki, Remle Diggs, Shannon Weisner, Lindsay Keddell **3rd:** Suzi Thomas, Colleen Bresnan, Erin Gooding, Heather Parker, Rikki Stetson **Back:** Chris Lorigan, Sarah Meyer, Jennifer Kennedy, Jeff Scott



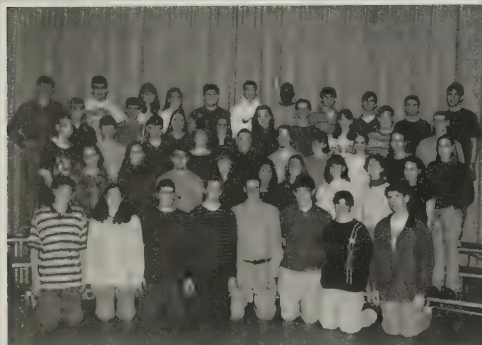
FHA 9,10 Front: Tina Goodson, Crystal Bullard, Allyson Smith, Erin Crabtree **2nd:** Laura Chapman, Katie Powell, Meredith Cassell, Amanda Carmeny, Jennifer Moore **Back:** Adam Svihla, Jacob Inge, Katie Lorigan, Danielle Backus, Valerie Brauer, Carrie Goff



SCIENCE FICTION Front: Kathy Fowler, Suzanne Ayres, Christy McIntyre **2nd:** Chris Hall, Brian Jordan, Jama Tysarczyk, Erica Kohr **Back:** Vince Figuénick, Dan Verlander, Tyler St.Clair



ATHLETIC TRAINERS Front: Jennifer Staton, Lorri Singleton, Allyson Smith Back: Dana Montgomery, Danielle Backus, Victoria Harper



FCA 11,12 Front: Jeff Scott, Amanda Robertson, Robert Ankeney, Jarrett Yehlen, Joe Flannery, Dave Shannon, J.D. Falls, Brad Ambrose 2nd: Becky Marlowe, Kathleen Kreiger, George Gori, Jennifer Haczewski, Sunny Claussen, Jenny Stallings, Kristy Ernzen, Victoria Harper, Liz Render 3rd: Kevin Batchelder, Chris Carter, Craig Brown, Blair Hardaway, Christa Stutt, Dan Mathis, Jennifer Staton, Alison Mast, Shari Gross, Stacey Davenport 4th: April Weaver, D.J. Ward, Melissa Moore, Lindsay Keddell, Ashley West, Adam Simmons, Danielle Kukich, Tim Mattson, Brian Freeman Back: Freddie Graef, Emile Cochet, Jennifer Kennedy, Dana Montgomery, Jason Bryant, Donnie Todd, Sam Cowles, Todd Ploetner, Chad Shelton, Chris Card, Patrick Johnson



VARSITY CLUB OFFICERS Mike Andriunas, Jennifer Davison, Christina Dominguez, Tyler Evans



COLOR GUARDS Front: Jennifer Bookwalter, Kristy Ernzen, Jackie Winfield, Nicole Chorik 2nd: Melanie Buckley, Jessie Young, Tara Kehoe, Sara Breed Back: Jackie Ernzen, Becky David, Arinn Johnson, Nicole Morehouse

Getting the gear together for a baseball game, sophomore Keith Silcox heads for the bus. He went as an athletic trainer to a baseball game at Southampton. The athletic trainers were responsible for helping players who were injured and provided them with ice and water.

Before a girls' soccer game, sophomore Danielle Backus packs up the water bottles. She checked the equipment twice to make sure she had everything. After she was done packing, she loaded all of the equipment onto the bus.



Water bottles, ace bandages, ice packs help keep athletes healthy, comfortable

Taped

Water! Band-Aid! Ice pack! Ouch! These were all common sounds at any athletic practice or game. There were nine students who served as athletic trainers and were responsible for tending various injuries at the events.

For some, the time spent as an athletic trainer was a valuable experience for future goals. "It's a good learning experience for me. It gives me an opportunity to be with people besides those at my work. It's been a lot of fun. I'm going to miss it next year," senior Dana Montgomery said.

Being at all the sporting practices and games was fun for others. "I enjoy sports, so it is a way to see them. It's a good learning experience if you plan to go into the medical field," sophomore Danielle Backus said.

Sophomore Lorri Singleton enjoyed many aspects of athletic training. "Athletic training is enjoyable because I like helping people

and I enjoy working with the athletes and coaches. I also learned a lot about anatomy and orthopedic procedures," she said.

Junior Victoria Harper enjoyed the medical part of being a trainer. "Athletic training has taught me a lot as far as the various injuries go. My favorite part is always the rehab. It's nice knowing you've helped someone," she said.

During their first year of high school, freshmen had a chance to explore new opportunities offered by the school. "Winter of '96 was my first season as an athletic trainer. I saw a lot of nasty injuries in wrestling, but that didn't phase me. It is a really educational thing, but also a lot of fun," freshman Lauren Cochet said.

Whether a student wants to enter into the medical field or just wants to have fun and meet other people, being an athletic trainer offers the opportunities.

by Sunny Claussen



After gathering water bottles and a bag of supplies, sophomore Lorri Singleton walks to the bus. Lorri had to hurry and change in order to get to the bus on time. Athletic trainers were always on call in case athletes hurt themselves at a game or during practice.



Before track practice, senior Dana Montgomery gets an ice pack out of the refrigerator in the nurse's office. Athletic trainers organized their equipment before every practice and game. They had to be ready for any possible injury that could have occurred during athletic events



JAZZ BAND Front: Kevin Batchelder, Jamie Maxwell, Jennifer Staton, Shari Gross 2nd: Preston Noe, Danielle Kukich, Rebecca Lawson, Jeff Norris 3rd: Terri Parrish, Steven Feigh, Steven Tom, Matthew Britt Back: Randall Lawson, Lee Olson, Casey Heck, Sam Cowles



MAJORETTES Britney Compton, Kim Garris, Danielle Backus, Allyson Smith



MIXED CHORUS Front: Amanda Swilley, Brittany Kelley, Jenny Conway, Katie Sanderson, Kellee Parmenter, Christie Smith 2nd: Diana Fithian, Sabrina Sweeney, Crystal Gearhart, Stephanie Speigner, Monika Stinson, Sara Powers, Lisa Powell 3rd: Stephanie Stravrakis, Misty Moore, Suzanne Sanderson, Amy Doernite, Brandi Robinson, Kristen White, Katherine Boddy Back: Scott Howell, Justin Johnson, Dan Verlander, Eric Smith, Chris Hall, Donnie Smith



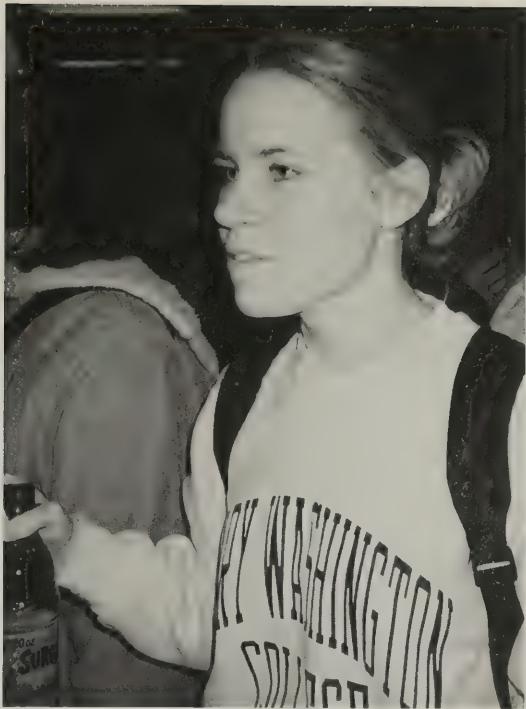
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After bringing a cupcake to English teacher Mrs. Dott VanDervort, seniors Emily Shepherd, Jaclyn Smith, and Sarah Kreiger perform for the class. "In AP Spanish we had to do a presentation on an event in history. We chose the first Thanksgiving, mainly to bring cupcakes and Rice Krispy treats. We brought our extra food to different teachers," Jaclyn said.

During A lunch, juniors Casey Liscum and Sam Choi eat the Thanksgiving lunch. The lunch consisted of turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, dressing, and rolls. Although the dressing ran out during B lunch, students appreciated the meal.





Opening up her bottle of Surge, senior Maura Garvey thanks the Surge employees. Coca-Cola promoted their new product Surge by giving a free bottle to every student. Classes were released five minutes early to go to the lobby and fight for a bottle.

Look Who's Talking

Students form cliques, stand alone

A selective group that does everything together. Social groups that eliminate anyone other than their immediate contact. Little social groups. It could be none other. Cliques.

Students felt that cliques were always present and hard to get around at school. "In cliques, you have to stick to a certain group of people. You get certain reputations and stereotypes by being in cliques. It's sad because sometimes a person is judged by their clique instead of who they really are. People are assumed into a clique whether they like it or not. It's hard to avoid them," sophomore Teresa Betts said.

Senior Joe Flannery had a different opinion. He said, "I try to stay away from cliques. I hang out with a bunch of different people instead of just one particular group."

Whether it was socializing with cliques, or hanging out with many different types of people, students always made sure to **Look Who's Talking**.

Hanging her basket on the wall, senior Jaclyn
Smith displays her talent for making homemade gifts.
"I don't make crafts too often, but normally I do make
something for my boyfriend's mom and for my
grandmas for Christmas. They seem to really
appreciate homemade gifts," Jaclyn said.

Finding some free time after school, senior Brian
Savage plays tunes on the piano in his living room.
"I've played for around eight years. Although I
stopped taking lessons about four years ago,
sometimes I like to play just for fun," Brian said.



Concealing Talents

Everyone gathered around as he flipped down his eyelids, exposing the moist, pink flesh.

It appeared that everybody was interested in others' hidden talents. These talents could be found throughout the halls. Mike Moore was known to have more than one talent. "I was playing soccer one time without my shirt on and someone told me that my shoulder blades stuck out a little. I then discovered that I could make them stick out like a shark fin. My double-jointed elbows have probably always been that way, and making my stomach blow out, that just takes practice. Some people say that I am gifted," Mike said.

Impressions were another popular sight. "I can do all kinds of impressions. People say that one of the funniest impressions that I do is my impression of a goat. I stick out my tongue and pull in my lips and make a baa-ing

sound," Donald Todd said.

Todd Ploetner's most flexible body part was his tongue. "I'm able to curl my tongue. I found out I could do this when I saw it on TV, and then I tried it, and it worked," Todd said.

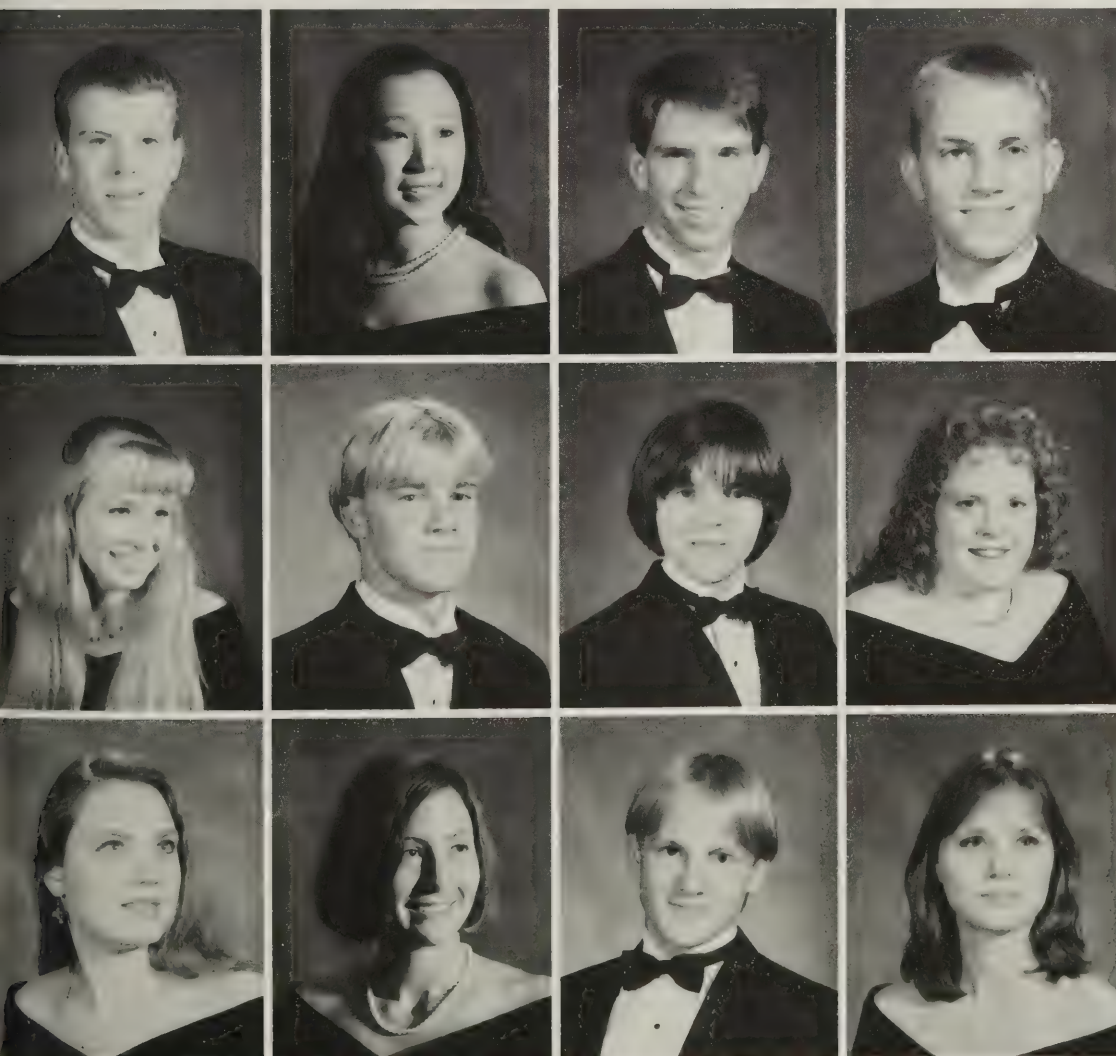
Some talents were inherited. "My mom was always a pretty good dancer, and I guess I inherited it from her," Preston Noe said about his dance ability.

Brooke Elliott spent more time and effort than most on her hidden talent. "In my free time, I'm a Lt. Col. in Civil Air Patrol. I participate in search and rescue and fly planes," Brooke said.

Although not everybody was out flying planes or breaking moves on the dance floor, they all seemed to have their own hidden talents. Often though, it was up to others to reveal them.

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JASON CHANDLER ABBOTT

Class V.P. 11,12; Track 9,10,11,12; Swimming 12; NHS 11,12; Basketball 9,10

GRACE EUNHYE AHN

Band 9, 12; SADD 11,12; SCARE 9,12; Key Club 12; Virginia Math League 11,12

BRADLEY DAVIS AMBROSE

Track 10,11,12; Cross Country 11,12; Debate 10,11,12; Forensics 10,11,12; Key Club 10,11,12

MICHAEL J. ANDRILIUNAS

Baseball 9,10,11,12; Basketball 9,10,11,12; Football 10,11; Key Club 9,11,12; SCA 9,10

HEATHER ROXANNE ARMS

SCA 9,10,11,12; Special Friends 9,10,11,12; Key Club 9,10,11,12; Cheerleading 9,12; SCARE 11,12

ANTHONY EUGENE ASHLEY

Football 9,10,11,12; Basketball 9,10,11

MARK C. AVALLONE

SCA 12; Football 10; National Merit Commended Scholar 12

SARAH MARGARET BAILY

SADD 9

ANGELIQUE O. BARGEMAN

School Store 10,11,12; Co-op 11,12

MADELEINE THERESA BEARD

Field Hockey 9,10,11,12; Track 9,10,11; Band 9,10; NHS 11,12; Who's Who 11

DAMIAN ERIC BERNACHE

Baseball 10,11

CASIPHONIE R. BLAIN

Nicknames reveal actions, characteristics, embarrassing moments

Labeling Others

Shorty, Scrawny, and Booger. Names normal people would take offense to, but it's how your friends and family know you.

Nicknames were often invented during sports seasons. "I wear knee-braces that squeak and make me look bionic. During football I'm known as Robo-Joe," Joe Flannery said.

"People call me Pig Pen because when I play softball I get really dirty," Jennifer Davison said.

"Everyone on the varsity soccer team was given a nickname. No one could come up with one for me so I came up with Scorpion because I love the movie *Mortal Combat*. The nickname just kind of stuck until I wasn't even called Mike anymore," Mike Moore said.

Nicknames given by family members long ago were still used. "When I was younger I liked to run around. My dad started calling me Skeeter because I looked like a

mosquito," Jeff Scott said.

"My family called me Sissy when I was little and they still do. I'm Sissy and my brother is Bubba," April Butler said.

Nicknames were often acquired through friendships. "People call me Avallone the Terrible when I'm sick because I become very mean and crabby. No one wants to be around me when I'm like that," Mark Avallone said.

"When I worked at Busch Gardens my friends called me Chick Magnet as a joke because girls always came up to me and just started talking," Jesse Buchanan said.

Seniors who resembled characters from movies were given their names. "My friends call me Fievel because they say I look like the mouse in *An American Tale*," Chris Lorigan said.

Whether they liked their nicknames or not, seniors were stuck with them for life.

AMY ELIZABETH BLANKENSHIP

Tennis 9,10,11,12; Key Club 11,12; FBLA 11, 12

MARSHALL PHILLIPS BOOKER

Softball Manager 10; Football 12; Newspaper 11,12

JAMES ALBERT BOWDEN

Football 9,10,11,12; Basketball 9,10,11,12; Soccer 10; Journalism 10,11,12; Varsity Club 12

SARA ANN BREED

Band 9,10,11,12; Colorguard 10,11,12; Special Friends 12; Literary Magazine 12

COLLEEN ANNE BRESNAN

Class Sec. 10,11,12; SCA 9,10,11,12; Swimming 9,10,11,12; Key Club 9,12; Varsity Club 10,11,12

JASON MATTHEW BRYANT

Statistician 9,10,11,12; Varsity Club 9,10,11,12; Newspaper 11,12; FCA 11,12

JESSE THOMAS BUCHANAN

FBLA 10,12; FCA 10; Key Club 12; International Club 10

SCOTT EUGENE BUCKLEY

VICA 12; TSA 9,10,11,12

APRIL CHRISTINE BUTLER

Garnet and Gold 10,11,12; Happy Club 10; Special Friends 10,12; Key Club 12

CODY JAY CAMBLIN

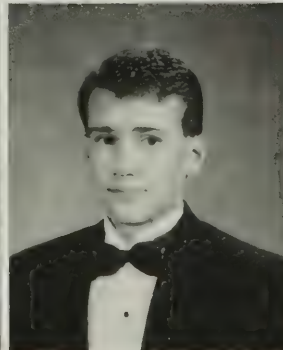
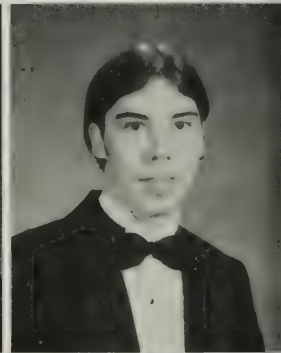
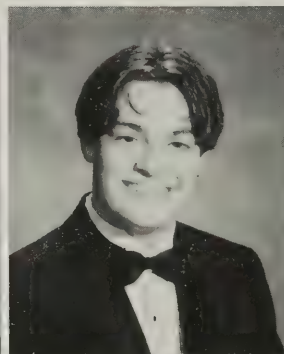
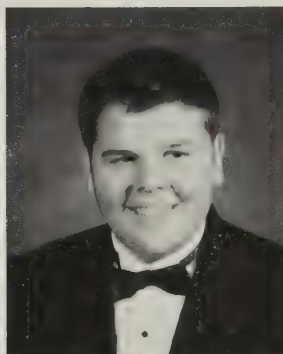
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MELISSA RUTH CARTER

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SHANE DANIEL CHAMBERS

Band 9,10,11,12



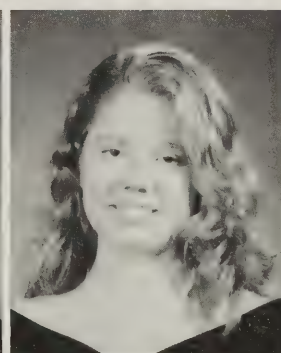
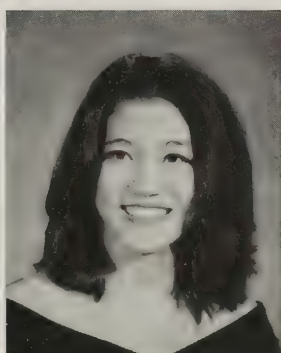
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Sporting his Twinkies shirt, senior Jason Bryant checks out other high school wrestling scores. "In the eighth grade, Mike Bell and Jason Forrest asked me everyday if I wanted a Twinkie, because I hate those little cream-filled cakes. For some reason the name just stuck," Jason said. Along with students, some teachers also referred to Jason by his nickname.

Seniors not only got nicknames from traits, but also from favorite movies. While in AP Calculus class, senior Mike "the Scorpion" Moore tells senior Maura Garvey some jokes. Mike's nickname came from the movie *Mortal Kombat*.



BRAD LOUIS CHAUVIN

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SONYA DENAE CLAUSSEN

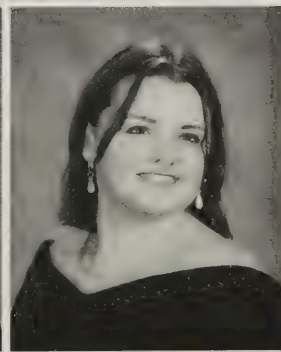
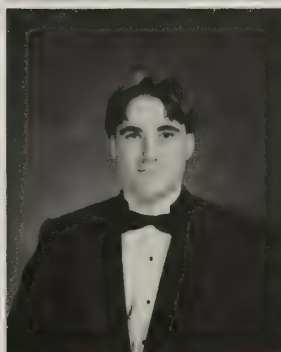
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STEPHANIE AMBER CORDELL

Drama 10,11,12; Forensics 10,11; School of Arts 12; Soundsation 11; Garnet and Gold 12

MARY SYLVIA CORNELIUSSEN

SCA 9,11,12; Newspaper 11-Managing Editor 12; Literary Magazine 9,10; Quill and Scroll 10,11,12; Key Club 11,12



JOSEPH LEON CRAIG

New Horizons 11,12; VICA 11,12

BRANDON JACOB CROSS

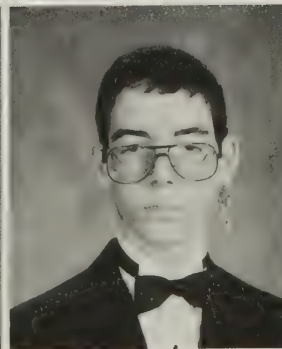
Football 9,10; Wrestling 10

MICHELE LYN DALBEY

Drama 9,10; FBLA 11,12

CARMEN LEIGH DANIELS

SCA 9; Special Friends 12; FBLA 12



REBECCA LEE DAVID

Track 9,10-capt. 11,12; Cross Country-capt. 10,11,12; Swimming 10,11-capt. 12; Color Guard 9,10,capt. 11,12; Varsity Club 10,11,12

GABRIELLE PATRICE DAVIS

NHS 11,12; Soccer 11,12; Forensics 11,12; Debate 11,12; Int'l Club 10; Hist. 11; Treas. 12

LEARY JOE DAVIS

JENNIFER LEIGH DAVISON

Basketball 9,10,11,12; Volleyball 9,10,11,12; Softball 9,10,11,12; Homecoming Queen; Varsity Club 10,11,12

CAMMERON DANIEL DEIBLER

Soccer 9,10; Varsity Club 11

ALICIA MARIE DEZERN

Swimming 9,10,11; SCARE 11,12; Key Club 11;

Happy Club 10; Special Friends 9

REMLE ANN DIGGS

Cheerleading 9,10,11, capt.12; Softball 9; FHA

10,11,12; SCARE 12; Homecoming Court 12

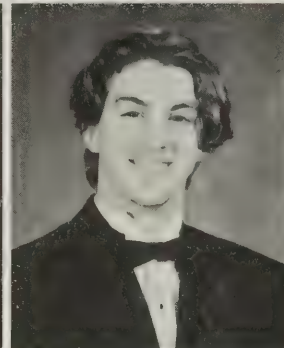
CHRISTINA H. DOMINGUEZ

Softball 9,10,11,capt. 12; Newspaper 9,10,11;

Special Friends 10,11,12; Varsity Club 10,11,12

**ADAM CORBIN DORRANCE**

District Band 12

JASON GRAHAM DUDLEY**MARC DAVID DUNCAN****EMILY KRISTIN EDWARDS****KATHRYN ANNE EDWARDS**Newspaper 11, Editor -in-chief 12; Tennis
10,11,12; NHS Sec. 12; Key Club Treas.12; Quill

& Scroll 11,12

BROOKE ADAIR ELLIOTT**YUE MING ENG**

International Club 11; Virginia Math League

10,11,12; Governor's School 12

KRISTINE SUZANNE ERNZEN

Color Guard 9,10,11,capt.12; Drama 9,10,11,12;

Thespian 11,12; Soundsation 11,12

**KAREN MICHELLE FEIGH**Class President 12; Volleyball 10,11,12; Inat'l
Club 10,11,12; NHS 11,12; Forensics 10,11,12**FRANZISKA FISCHER**

Acappella 9; International Club 9; VICA 12

BRAD LAYNE FITZPATRICK

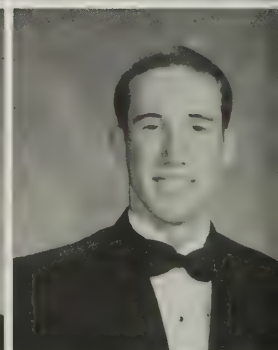
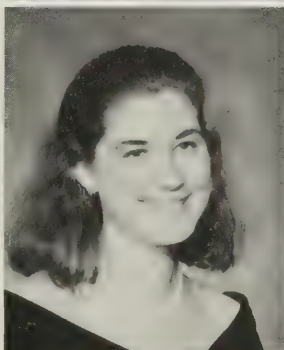
Who's Who 11,12; Wrestling Captain 11,12;

FCA 11,12; Wrestling State Champion 11

JOSEPH PHILIP FLANNERY

Basketball 9,10,11,12; Track 9,10,11,12; Football

12; Band 9,10,11,12; Drama 10,11

**JASON ANDREW FORREST**

Wrestling 9,10,11,12; Varsity Club 10,11,12; SCA

9,10; Special Friends 12

MICHAEL FRENCH

Track 10,11,12; Band 9,10,11,12; Inat'l Club 11;

Indoor Track 12

LARRY DONALD GARDNER III

Track 9,10,11,12; Football 11,12; FCA 12;

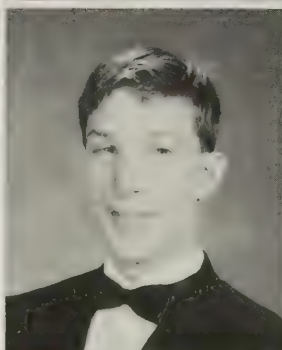
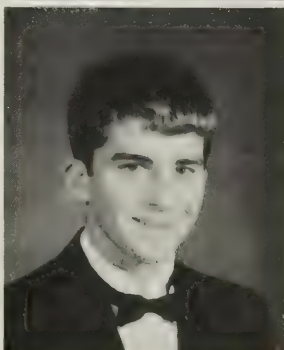
Special Friends 12; Thespian 11,12

MAURA CHRISTINE GARVEY

Class Pres. 9,10,11; Volleyball 9,10,11,12, Capt.

10,12; Cheerleading 9,10,11,12, Capt. 12; SCA

9,10,11,12; NHS 11,12, Vice-pres. 12

**JASON SHEILDS GEPPERT****RACHEL JOYCE GILBERT**

Cheerleading 9,10,11,12; Swing Choir 9,10,11,12

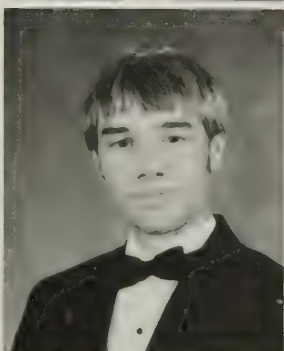
ERIN NICOLE GOODING

Swimming 9,10,11,12; Girls soccer 11,12; FHA

12; Varsity club 10,11,12

AARON MICHAEL GOODMAN

Track 9,10; TSA 11,12



Weekends provide time to view colleges, relax, visit vacation spots

Getting Away

The weekend.

The words everyone couldn't wait to hear. Once it came, how did seniors spend their time? "I like close-by places that you wouldn't usually go to for vacations," Gabrielle Davis said.

However, popular places were also enjoyed by seniors. "I like to go to Nags Head. There's a lot to do. There are fun places to shop, the beach, and people our age are always there," Suzi Thomas said.

Others felt it was better to stay close to home and relax with friends. "On the weekends I like to go to my friends' houses and just hang out. Even if we don't do much, we always have fun," Remle Diggs said.

School wasn't the only thing seniors wanted to escape from. Getting away from parents was also nice. "I like to go where there are no parents," Mark Philbeck said.

Other seniors just wanted to escape from everything. "I like anywhere that's dark and secluded," Mark Avallone said.

Homework did not stand in the way of seniors having fun over the weekend. "I do the most important homework and just blow the rest off, or do it Monday morning," Wendy Sellers said.

Weekend time was also used to visit colleges. "I went on a trip to visit colleges with a friend. I met a lot of people and had a great time. It made me look forward to the future," Colleen Bresnan said.

On Monday all the fun ended. Another week of hard work and late night studying began, until the next weekend came. However, no matter how seniors spent their weekend time, they all agreed that they would much rather lose sleep than miss out on a good time.

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Three-day weekends gave way to longer trips.

Senior Jason Abbott and graduate Tom Beazlie walk towards the lodge at Winterplace. "The first three-day weekend after Christmas break some friends and I drove up to Virginia Tech to visit my brother. While we were there we spent a day skiing in West Virginia," Jason said. He plans to attend Virginia Tech with his brother in the fall.

Both considering attending Mary Washington,

seniors Sylvia Corneliussen and Kristin Martin take time to review information from the admissions office. "My aunt lives 20 minutes away, so she really wants me to go there. Potomac Mills is also half an hour away, so after touring the campus, we stopped for a little shopping," Sylvia said.



GEORGE GORDON GORI

FCA 11,12, Pres. 12; Wrestling 10,11,12; VICA

JEREMY ALAN GREGG

Football 9,10,11; Wrestling 10,11,12

JENNIFER RENEE HACZEWSKI

Field Hockey 9,10,11,12, Capt. 10,12; Band

9,10,11,12; Special Friends, 11,12; Track 9,12;

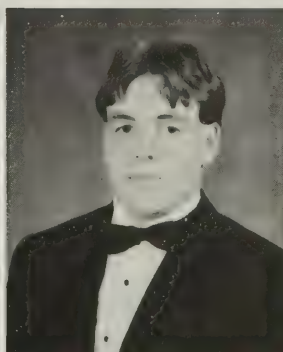
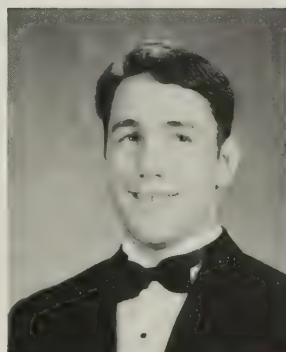
Varsity Club 10,11,12

RYAN CHRISTOPHER HALL

Academic Challenge 9,10,11,12, Capt. 12;

Swimming 9,10,11,12; New Horizons Gov.

School 11,12; Mu Alpha Theta Pres. 12



AIMEE DAWN HALVORSON

Field Hockey 9,10,11; SADD 10,12; Happy Club

10; VA. Math League 10,12; Yearbook 12

DAVID SHAWN HANBERRY

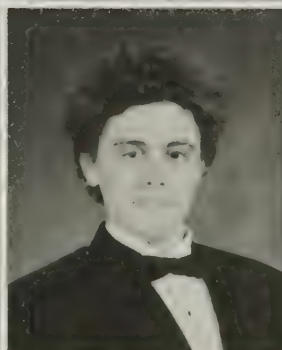
Key Club 9,10,11,12; ICT 10,11,12; Special

Friends 11,12; School Store 9,10,11,12

MILES PETERSON HANCHEY

DAVID DEAN HARGRAVE JR.

Band 9,10



During chorus class, seniors Gretchen Zohn, Emily Shepherd, and Sarah Kreiger work on homework assignments together. "I don't consider us a clique, we're just really good friends. We hang out a lot because our boyfriends are friends too, but that doesn't classify us as a clique," Gretchen said.

After completing their baskets in AP Calculus, seniors Jason Abbott, Katie Edwards, Sylvia Corneliussen, and Preston Noe discuss plans for the upcoming holiday break. "Even when it seems like there's nothing to do, my friends and I can always find some way to have fun together," Katie said.



At lunchtime, seniors broke up into groups to eat with their friends. After they ate their lunches, seniors Ashley West, Gabby Davis, and Jason Dudley talk about their afternoon plans.



Sharing of personal experiences maintains bond between friends

Running Around

Bubbas, preps, alterna-chicks, nerds, snobs, jocks, floaters. These are many of the categories of cliques. They were classified because of the clothes they wore, the friends they hung out with, or the activities they did.

The majority of students felt that they weren't in a clique. "I wouldn't say I am in a clique, I just have certain people that I hang around with," Lindsay Keddell said.

Students felt it unfair to be classified in a certain clique. "It's natural to have a close group of friends like a clique, but the bad thing is everyone thinks you're a snob," Gretchen Zohn said.

The idea of cliques was generally disliked. "I find cliques are annoying because people get left out and every group or clique thinks they're better than everyone else," Donnie Gardener said.

Cliques weren't always considered a bad thing. To

some students, being in a clique wasn't something to hide or be ashamed of. "I guess I'm a part of a clique. I have never really thought about it before. When I think of a clique, I think of an exclusive group of friends. We're not really exclusive," Jesse Johnson said.

Having many different friends was the preference of Suzi Thomas. "I don't have any specific friends I always have to be with. I like to leave my options open. We all have a good time when we want, but we're not always together in a clique or circle of our friends in the commons," Suzi said.

The general feeling of students was that they really weren't in a clique at all. But, different students had different ideas of the word clique. Tracy Morse said, "You tend to have more friends if you're not in one certain group."

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Placing her ballot in the box, senior Leanne Phillips cast her vote in the mock election sponsored by the *Island Echo*. "Even though I can't vote in real elections until October, I can still vote in the mock elections held here at school," Leanne said. Although the candidate she voted for won in the school election, he was defeated in the real presidential election.



When she turned 17, senior Becky David celebrated her birthday during yearbook class. For Becky, being younger than all of her friends didn't come as a disadvantage. "I finally turned 17 in December of my senior year. All of my friends tease me about being young, but at our twenty-fifth reunion I will be making fun of their wrinkles," Becky said.



Adolescents discover ways to compensate for being underage

Logging Behind

It's your senior year and you're turning 18. Finally. But wait, what about those seniors that didn't turn 18 until after they graduated?

For some, this situation seemed to be a good one. Turning 17 in October of my senior year definitely has its advantages and disadvantages. Right now I may seem young, but when high school reunions roll around, young will be great," Leanne Phillips said.

Jennifer Davison also agreed that being 17 had its advantages, "Not turning 18 until after I graduate is OK with me. I may be younger than everybody else, but at least I don't have to worry about going to jail," Jennifer said.

Some seniors got picked on for being so young. "The only drawback to being so young is that my friends make fun of me sometimes saying things like 'Hey Gretchen,

when do you get your learners?'" Gretchen Zohn said about only being 17.

The majority of the senior class felt that there wasn't much difference being 17 instead of 18. "I've never really thought about it. I really don't think it's any different than being 18," Angie Houston said.

Jennifer Haczewski also agreed with this. "Turning 18 isn't that big of a deal to me, but I guess it gives me something to look forward to after I graduate," Jennifer said.

Turning 18 did have its privileges though. "The only complaint that I have about being 17 is that I can't vote. So turning 18 and being able to vote will definitely be a high point in my life," Jason Dudley said.

Everyone would eventually turn 18, some just sooner than others.

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JENNIFER LYNN HARRIS

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STEPHEN WOOD HARRIS

Band 9,10,11,12

CASEY BRYANT HECK

Baseball 10; Band 9,10,11,12; Jazz Band 10,11,12

JOELLE LYNN HOGGE

Band 9,10; Key Club 11,12; FBLA 11,12;

JAMES BARRY HOLLOWAY JR.

Football 10,11,12; Wrestling 9,10,11,12; New Horizons 12; TSA 9,10,12

MELISSA LYNN HOLSINGER

FHA 12; VICA 12

ANGELA SUE HOUSTON

Softball 9,10,11,12; Capt. 12; Volleyball

9,10,11,12; Varsity Club 10,11,12; FBLA 10,11,12

AMY IRENE HULTMAN

Swimming 12; NHS 12; Key Club 12; Yearbook 12

THOMAS LEE HUNTER
SHAZIA ISMAIL

NHS 11,12; Key Club 10,11,12; SADD 10,11,12; Special Friends 10,11,12; VA Math League 10,12

HEATHER MARIE IVEY

Field Hockey 9,10,11,12; Softball 9,10; Who's Who 9,10,11,12; Key Club 11,12; SADD 12

JESSICA LYNN JENKS

Band 9,10,11,12; Girls' Soccer 11; FCA 12; Drama 11,12; NHS 11,12

Experience, knowledge supply insight for final year

Guiding Light

Someone you looked up to. Someone you admired. Someone you wanted to be like. This someone was commonly referred to as a role model.

Parents were a common role model among seniors. "My role model would have to be my father. He has helped me grow up to be a good person and has provided me with many things. I admire him for everything he does and everything he is," Drew Whitam said.

Lindsay Keddell's role model was also one of her parents. "I would have to say my role model is my mother. She has encouraged me not to give up and to strive for the best. I think she is the best mother in the whole world," Lindsay said.

Chuck Winstead chose a role model who had the same goal in life as he had. "I admire Redskins' quarterback Heath Schuler because he showed me that it is possible for me to earn millions of dollars for doing nothing, and

that is my main goal in life," Chuck said.

Not all seniors admired a specific person. Instead, they admired anyone that possessed certain qualities. "I admire people who are disciplined in areas of academics and sports because both of these are important to me," Maddie Beard said.

Melissa Moore also admired certain qualities. "The people that I admire most are honest and do not talk behind other people's backs," Melissa said.

Although seniors had role models, they looked up to more people when they were younger. "I think a lot of people probably had role models when they were little, but now that they are older, they do not really look up to anyone anymore. Probably some people still have a role model and are just too afraid to say it. I still look up to a lot of people, but that is because I am short," Jessica Jenks said.

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JESSE WAYNE JOHNSON

TSA 9,10,12; New Horizons 11,12; Football

KEVIN DALE JONES

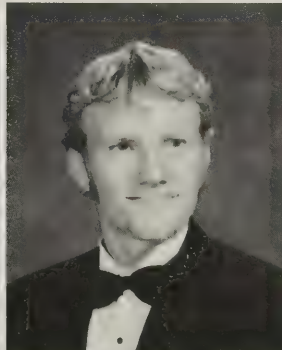
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LINDSAY MARIE KEDDELL

SADD 9,10,11,12; Treasurer 10,11; FHA 9,10,11,12; Key Club 10,12; Field Hockey 9,10,11

STEVEN RAY KEESEE

TSA 9,10,11,12; Teacher Aide 12; New Horizons 11,12; Football 9



STEPHANIE DENISE KELLY

Athletic Trainer 12; Drama 12

KRISTA VELL KINNEY

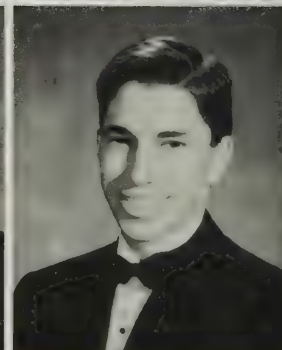
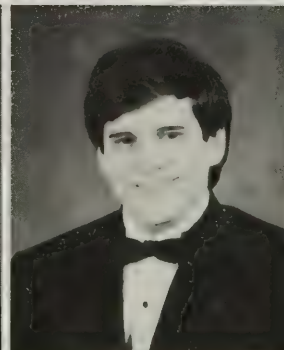
FHA 9; New Horizons 11,12; VICA 12

ANTHONY M. KOTH

NHS 11,12; Mu Alpha Theta 12; Science Fiction Club 12; New Horizons Gov. School 11,12

CHAD ENGLISH KOZLOWSKI

VICA 12



SARAH ELIZABETH KREIGER

Cheerleading 9,10,11,12; Capt. 12; Key Club 9,10,11,12; SCA 9,10,11; Garnet & Gold 11,12;

Happy Club 9,10,11

JONATHAN ROBERT LANGE

SCA 10,12; Class V.P. 10; Debate 10,12; Swimming 10,12; Forensics 10,12; NHS 11,12

RACHEL JUANITA LAWSON

SADD 9; VICA 11

JENNIFER LYNN LEMONS

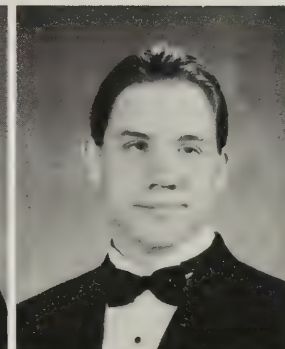
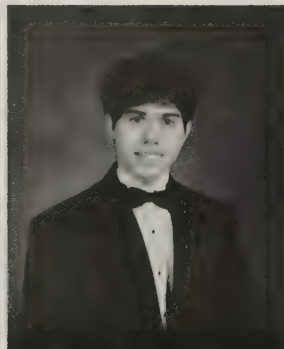
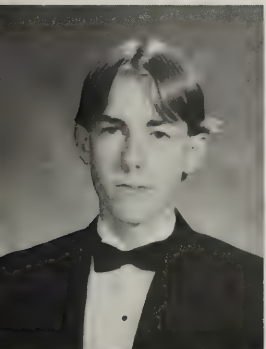
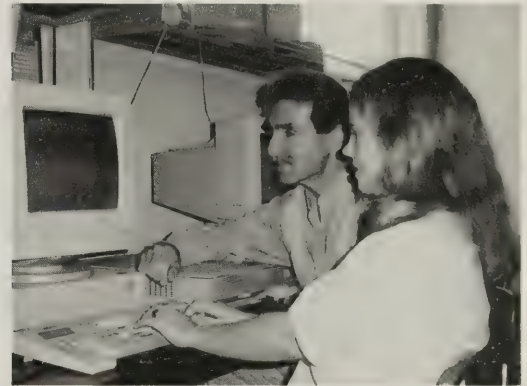
Garnet & Gold 9,10,11,12; Cheerleading 9,10; Soundsation10; Acappella 10,11





Sitting at her dining room table, senior Lindsay Keddell fills out her college applications. Instead of following her sisters and attending Longwood, Lindsay decided to apply to Radford. "Having my mom help me fill out the applications really helped. I figured since she had already helped my two sisters, she would know more than I would," Lindsay said.

While in Journalism II, newspaper advisor Mr. Mark VanDervort looks on as senior Sylvia Corneliussen puts finishing touches on her front page article. "I have always wanted to be a journalist, and Mr. VanDervort has really taught me a lot about journalism and writing," Sylvia said. Sylvia felt that the guidance given to her by Mr. VanDervort would someday help her in her pursuit of a career in writing.



CHRISTOPHER R. LORIGAN

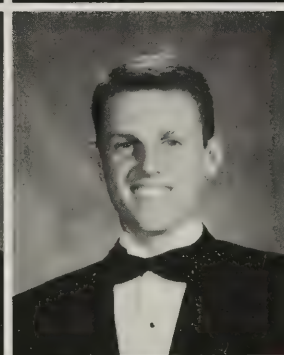
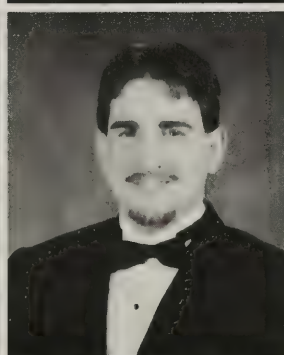
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MALCOLM M. MATHESON

Football 9,10,11,12; Drama 9,10,11,12; Thespian 11,12



DANIEL JOHN MATHIS

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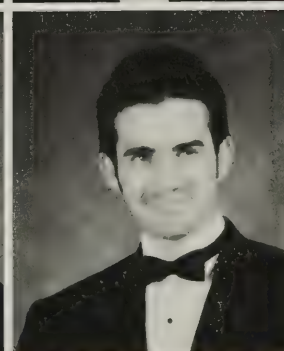
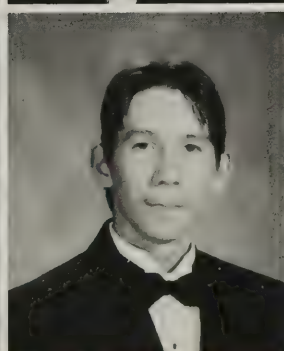
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AARON MITCHELL MCDANIEL

Soccer 9,10; Cross Country 9,10

SARAH ELIZABETH MEYER

Key Club 9,10,11,12; FHA 10,11,12; Happy Club 10,12; SCARE 11,12; Special Friends 11,12



MARCO ANTHONY MIGLIORE

VICA 12; Track 10

DAVID ALAN MILLER

New Horizons 11,12; Int'l Club 10; Basketball Mgr. 9; Indoor Track 10

JOSHUA ANDREW MILLER

Key Club 12; Football 10; Debate 12; Special Friends 12

DANA M. MONTGOMERY

SADD 10,11,12; Athletic Trainer 11,12; Varsity Club 10,11,12; Band 9,10,11,12

ASHLY SUMMER MOORE

Key Club 9,12; VICA 11; FHA 12

MELISSA GAYLE MOORE

Tennis 9,10,11,12; Swimming 11,12; Key Club 10,11,12; Varsity Club 11,12; Field Hockey 10

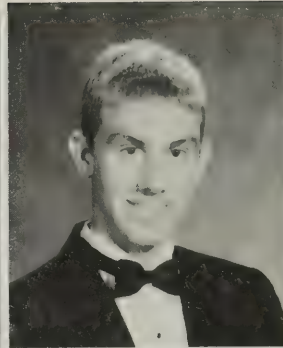
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VALERIE LYNNE MOORE

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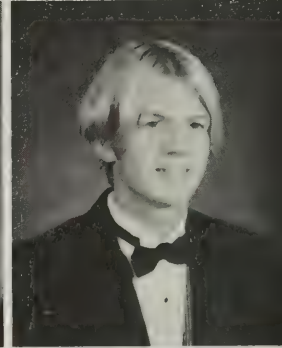
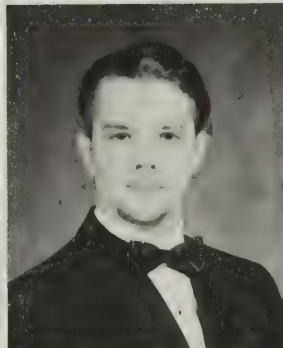
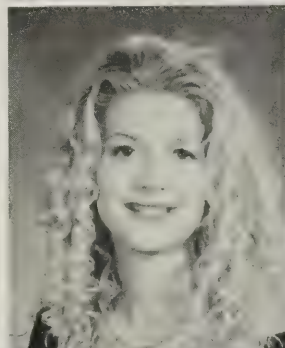
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TRACY MICHELLE MORSE

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JOHN MICHAEL NOBILE

Soccer 10,11,12; Basketball 10; Key Club 9,10,11,12; Varsity Club 12; Newspaper 10,11,12



PRESTON R. NOE

Who's Who 12; Band 9,10,11,12; Drum Major 12; NHS 11,12; NHS Historian 12

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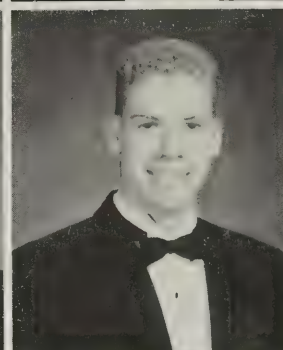
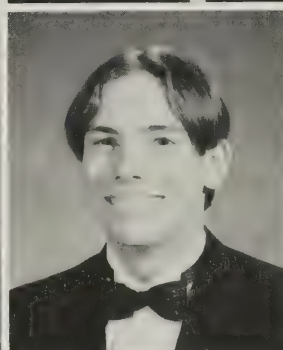
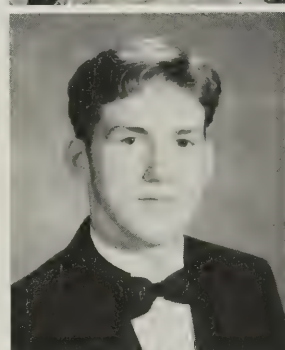
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KATHERINE MARIE OGIBA

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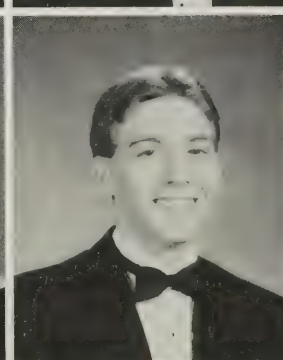
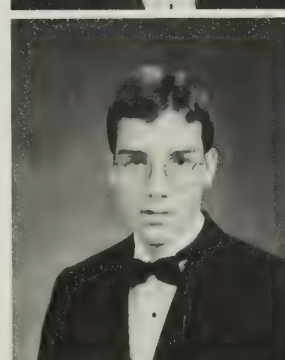
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CHRIS AARON PARK

Band 9,10,11,12; Tennis 10,11,12; Jazz Band 9

LAUREN NICHOL PERDUE

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MARC LAWSON PHILBECK

Key Club 9,10,11,12; Track 9,10; Football 10

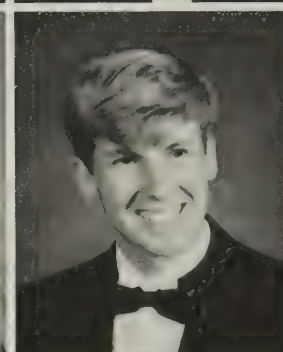
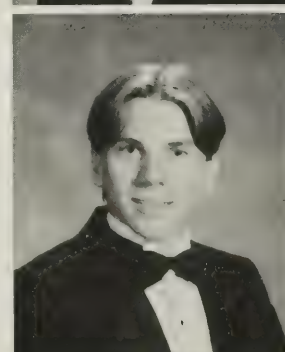
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Key Club 9,10, Pres. 12; Treas. 11; SADD 9, V.P. 10,11, Pres. 12; NHS 11, Pres. 12; Field Hockey 9,10,11, Co-Capt. 12; Band 9,10,11,12

TODD NICHOLAS PLOETNER

Who's Who 12; Baseball 10,11,12; American Legion Boys' State 11

DANIEL ALAN PLOTNIK



JASON ALLEN POWELL

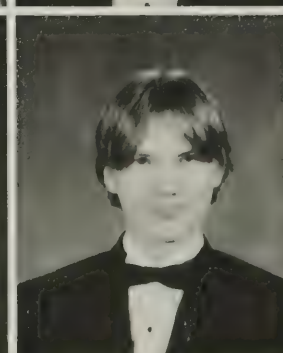
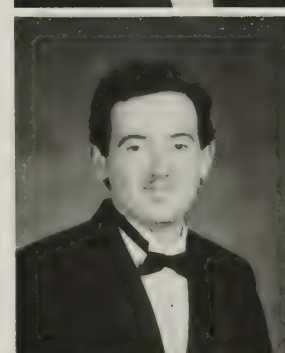
DAVID RICHARD PRIBYLA

Football 12

ALAN PRICHARD

WILLIAM CLYDE PRINCE III

FBLA 11,12



Beloved correspond through use of e-mail, letters, phone, visits

Staying Together

Phone calls, letters, and even weekend trips. These were ways that seniors communicated with their distant loved ones. Long distance relationships were hard on most seniors, but frequent visits made a difference. "It's difficult with Bob being at George Mason and me being here, but I see him fairly often and that makes it easier," Christina Dominguez said.

Maura Garvey agreed. "A long distance relationship is difficult. When you see your boyfriend or girlfriend again it's great, but the weeks in between are hard," she said.

Money played a big factor in these relationships. "I talk to Brian about three times a week. We take turns calling one another, so it's a little cheaper for both of us. I try to write him a letter about once a week," Sarah Kreiger said.

Some seniors did not even notice their boyfriends left. "When Troy comes home, it's like he never left. We just

like spending time together alone," Gretchen Zohn said.

Relationships weren't as close because of the distance. "It's harder to have a close relationship because he's so far away, but we talk and see each other just enough to still stay together," Shannon Weisner said about her boyfriend Stuart.

Jessica Jeffreys was worried about her relationship with Brian Savage once they graduate. "I don't know if we are going to stay together once we graduate. Being at two completely different colleges will be rough," she said.

The distance did not always matter. "I don't really think that the relationship is that different from when he was here. It's all the same to me," Rachel Gilbert said.

Despite the problems faced in long distance relationships, most seniors chose to stay with their loved ones, rather than break up.

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Playing a game of Uno, senior Kristin Martin and graduate Jeremy Ross catch up on recent happenings. "Even though he is away at college, I basically get to see him every weekend because he goes to CNU," she said.

In AP Calculus class, senior Maura Garvey passes the time by writing a letter to her boyfriend Dave Connors. "I try to write him as often as possible so we can stay up to date on each other's lives," she said.



PHILLIP EDWARD PRISCO

Track 9; Cross Country 10,11; Band 9,10,11,12;
New Horizons 12

SHANNA LEE QUINN

AIMEE RECTOR
KAREN ANN REILLY

New Horizons 12; Special Friends 12



PETER ANTHONY RESTITUTO

Key Club 12

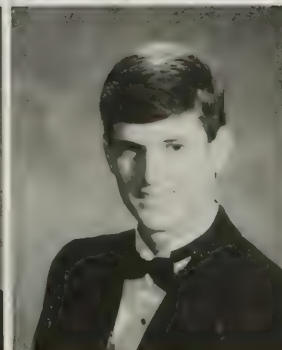
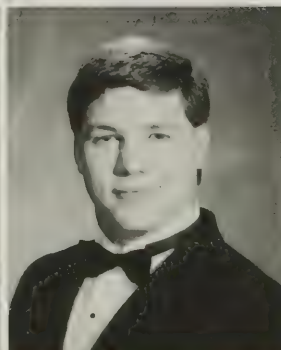
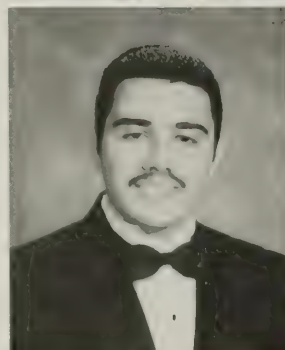
DEWAYNE H. RICK

CHRISTOPHER SCOTT RILEY

Baseball 9,10,11,12; Football 10,11,Capt. 12;
Varsity Club 10,11,12; Homecoming King 12

AMANDA LYNNE ROBERTSON

FCA 11, Co-Captain 12; Track 9,10,11,12;
Volleyball 9,10,11,12; NHS 11,12; Thespians
10,11,12



In between classes, seniors Sunny Claussen, Melissa Carter, and April Butler discuss the problems with lockers. "I don't understand why I got a top locker because I am so short. Poor Melissa has a bottom one and she's much taller than me. I just hate lockers," Sunny said.

Waiting for the bus to arrive to take the swim team to practice, seniors Becky David, Claire Shanafelt, and Colleen Bresnan talk in the lobby. "I hate it when the bus is late because then we get back later," Claire said.



Working at the Crabcake House on Poquoson Avenue, senior Tracy Morse wipes the table off. "I can't stand it when customers don't leave tips. It is my number one pet peeve," Tracy said.



Minor indiscretions aggravate nerves, provoke arguments

Getting Annoyed

Nail biting, slow driving, nose picking. Bad habits you just can't stand.

With so many people moving through such a small place, there was bound to be problems. "I cannot stand it when freshmen, sophomores, and even some juniors, crowd up in the halls and block the way of everyone else," Shazia Ismail said. Others agreed that crowded halls caused a problem.

Not only underclassmen caused problems. Sometimes friends seemed to be a big irritation, and trying to work out the problem did not always help. "People always eat my food at my house. I smack them around, but some of them still eat it all anyway," Jimmy Tomlinson said.

Dealing with people in school and outside of school was also irritating for seniors. "My pet peeve is dumb people. Sometimes I just don't understand how some

people can be so dumb! That really drives me crazy," Carmen Daniels said.

Problems also came up when dealing with other drivers. Students felt slow drivers caused a problem. "When people don't follow the speed limit, they go too slow, it's irritating. You should at least go the speed limit. Other people have places to go, too," Jessica Jenks said.

The way people presented themselves irritated some. "It irritates me when people try to be deep and philosophical and they are not, they just end up sounding like morons," Jessica Jeffreys said.

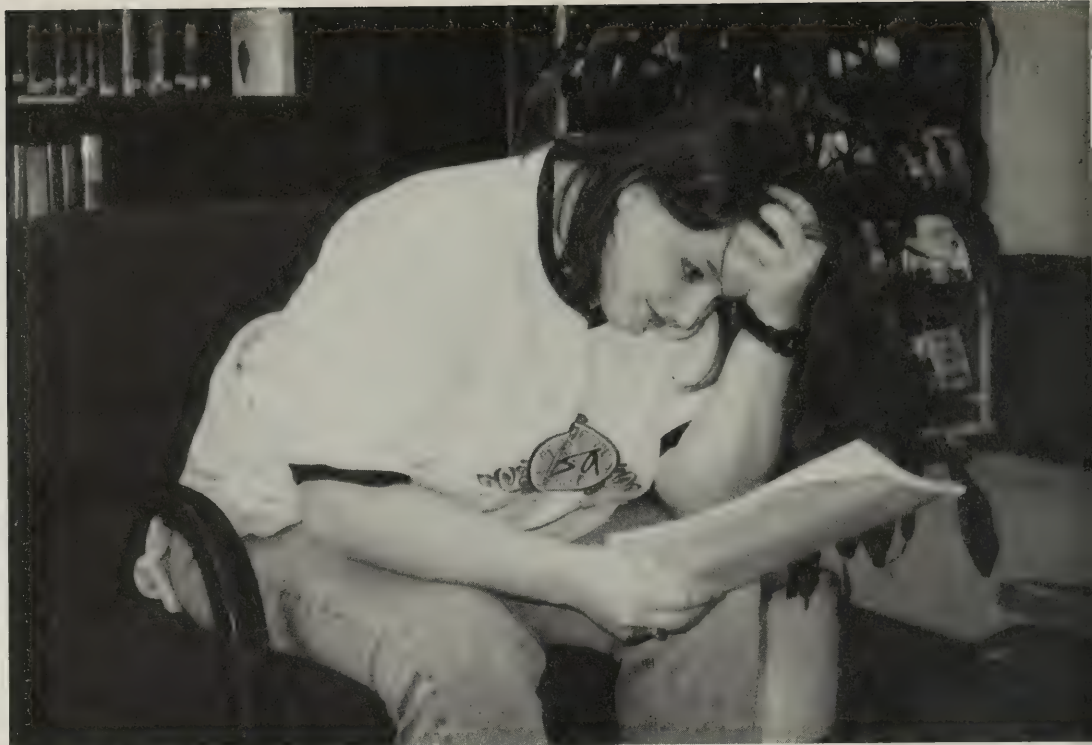
Whether it was underclassmen, people you did not know, or your best friend, some things were always annoying. If the person did not change, then it was best to try and overlook what was irritating you. No matter how hard seniors tried, they could not avoid things they hated.

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Last minute cramming was the only studying some seniors did. While trying to memorize a stanza of *Canterbury Tales*, senior Carmen Daniels becomes frustrated. "Every time I say I'm going to study early, it never turns out that way. But since I get good grades, procrastination works for me," Carmen said. Even though Carmen did not spend a lot of time studying, she still knew her lines and did well.

The regular school day began at eight in the morning. However, taking the optional seventh hour required students to get to school an hour early. Senior Sunny Claussen uses some extra time during the day to take a nap because she gets up so early in the morning.



Looking Back

Hind sight is 20/20.

When we look back, would we change what we have done? Many seniors had things they wished they could have changed. "I regret getting bad grades in ninth grade. It brings my GPA down, and now there is nothing I can do to change it," Lauren Perdue said.

School caused other problems, too. "My biggest regret was taking the optional seventh period two years ago. I had to wake up before I could get to sleep," Joe Flannery said.

Seniors realized they had not done enough during high school. Some tried to correct this before high school ended. "I regret not participating in many school activities. I missed going to dances and games. Now I am participating in more activities and it is really fun," Grace John said.

Seniors also felt they were not prepared for life on their own. "I regret staying in Poquoson. Even though it is a nice, safe town, I feel I have missed out on a lot of life experiences and do not know the reality of life," Shazia Ismail said.

Other seniors wished they would have taken a chance. "My biggest regret is being too shy around the guy I liked, then finding out like half a year later that he liked me, too! Too bad we were both too retarded to do anything about it," Jessica Jeffreys said.

Since this was our last year of high school, it was a time for looking back on the past four years. Whether it was missing out on sleep, not participating enough, or not taking a chance, everyone had a regret. Would we have changed what we have done if we could have - who knows?

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MIKE ANTHONY RODGERS
PATRICK ANDREW ROLLINS
VICA, V.P. 11, Pres. 12; Track 9
PAUL ANDREW ROSENSTEEL
Band 9,10,11,12; Track 11; Chess Club 9,10; Lit.
Magazine 12
SHAWN MICHAEL ROUTTEN
Soccer 9,10,11,12

DAVID BRIAN SAVAGE
Cross Country 11,12; NHS Treas. 12; Nat'l
Merit Scholar 12
STACEY MARIE SAWICKI
FHA 10,11,12; Special Friends 9; VICA 11
MARSHALL Y. SAWYER
DAVID SCARPA

JEFFREY ELLISON SCOTT
Cross Country 10,11,Capt. 12; Swimming
11,Capt. 12; Track 9,10,11,Capt. 12; Who's Who
11,12; Varsity Club 10,11,12
JONATHAN MARTIN SEITER
Football 11,12; Tennis 11,12
WENDY MARIE SELLERS
Newspaper 10, Copy Editor 11,12
JEREMY BEN SELTZER
Who's Who 11,12; Tennis 9,10,11,12; NHS
11,12; Boys' State Nominee 11

Thinking Fast

Ever forgotten your homework? Did not do your project? Tardy to classes? What do you do? Make excuses.

Excuses were common among seniors. "I make a lot of excuses because I never get my work done on time. I have too much to do after school as it is, so I do not have much time left for homework," Valerie Sledd said.

Chuck Winstead agreed. "I cannot afford to get detentions after school because I have so much to do, so I make excuses when I am tardy to my classes," he said.

Seniors used excuses for different reasons. "I have German right before B lunch. I came in five to ten minutes late one time, and told Frau Small that I forgot which lunch I had. She actually believed me," Joe Flannery said.

"I always use excuses when I forget to do my projects. I tell the teacher that I left it at home, and she just says to

bring it in tomorrow. Of course then I do the project that night," Chris Riley said.

"I'm tardy to Mr. Garrity's class almost everyday. He always just looks at me with a frown and I reply 'Long line at the water fountain again.' He knows I'm just joking, but he's never done anything about it. He just laughs," Kevin Jones said.

Some seniors did not need to use excuses. "I do not ever have to make excuses in school because I am always prompt to my classes, and I usually have my homework done," George Gori said.

"I never make excuses because I always have everything done. I don't see how people even get tardy. They give us enough time to get to class," Miyon Kim said.

Whether good or bad or long or short, excuses were made by most students.

CLAIRE MEGAN SHANAFELT

Swimming 9,10,11,Capt.12; Color Guard 9,10,11; Tennis 9; SADD 9,10; Int'l Club 9,10

EMILY RUTH SHEPHERD

SCA 9,11,Rec. Sec. 12; Cheerleading 9,10,11, Capt. 12; Key Club 9,10,11,12; Show Choir 11,12

ANDREW EVAN SHTULMAN

Forensics 9,10,11,Capt. 12; Drama 9,10,Treas. 11,Pres. 12; SCA 10, Hist. 11, V.P. 12; Int'l Club10, Sec. 11,12

ADAM DAVID SIMMONS

Track 11,12; FCA 11,12; Chess Club 11

WILLIAM DAVID SINCOSKIE

RONALD LEE SINGLETON JR.

Football 9,10,11,12; O.M. 9; VICA 11,12

VALERIE ANNE SLEDD

Tennis 9,10,11,12; Volleyball 9,10,11,12; Field Hockey 9,11, 12; SCA Class Rep. 10,11,12; Key Club 9,10,11,12

JACLYN SUE SMITH

Cheerleading 9,10,11,12; Swimming 9,10,11,Capt. 12; SCA 9,10,11,12; Class Treas. 10,11,12; Newspaper Truck Editor 11,12

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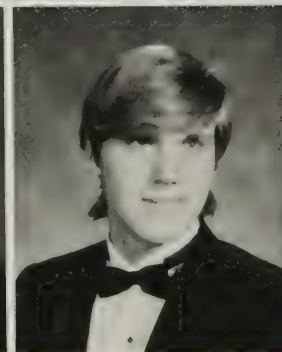
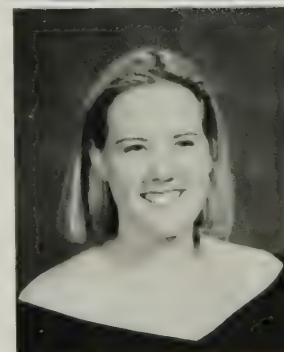
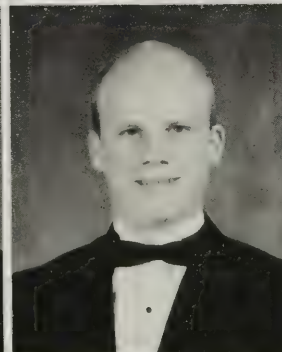
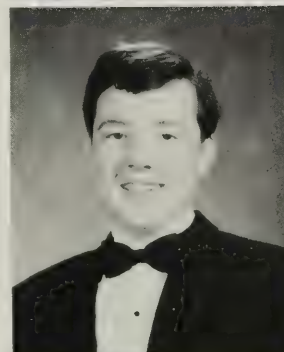
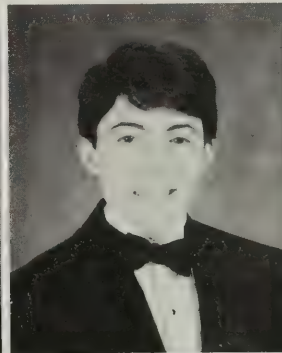
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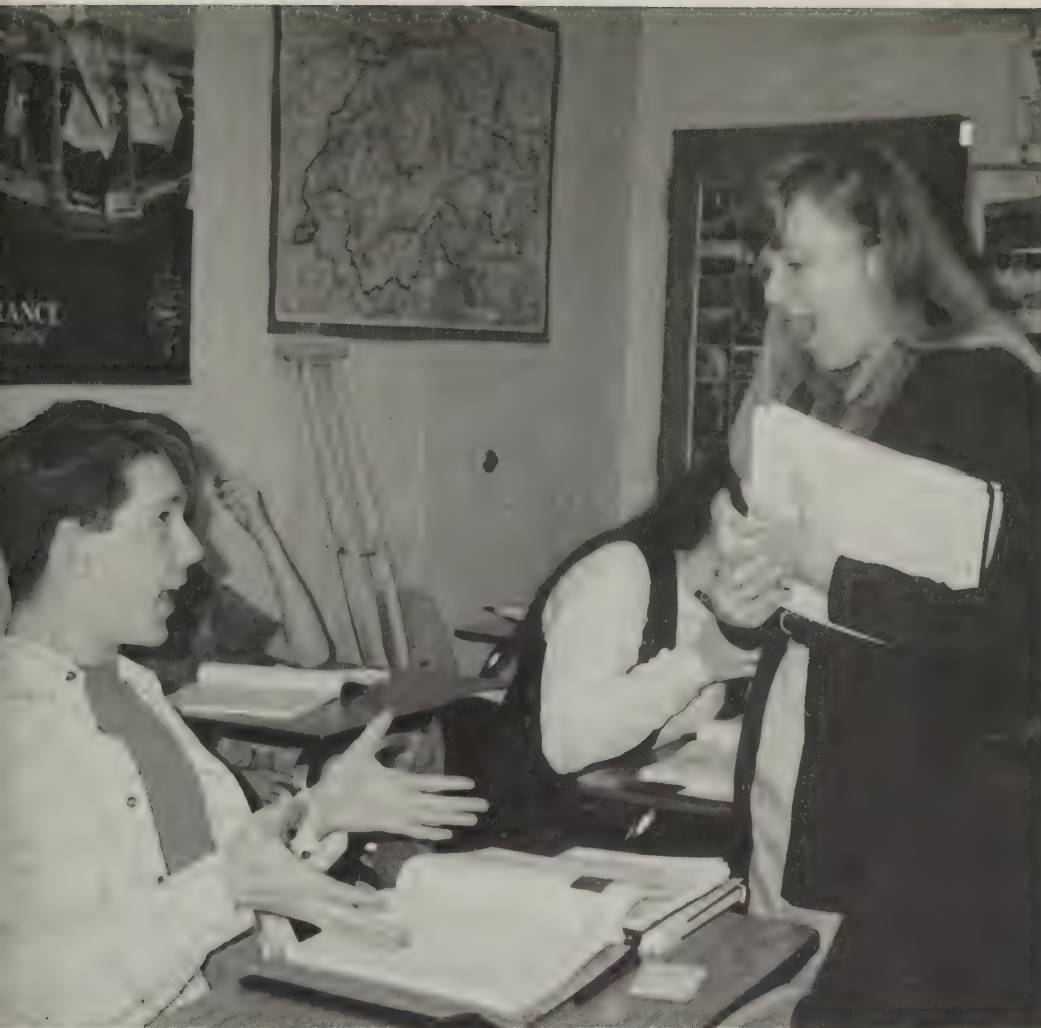
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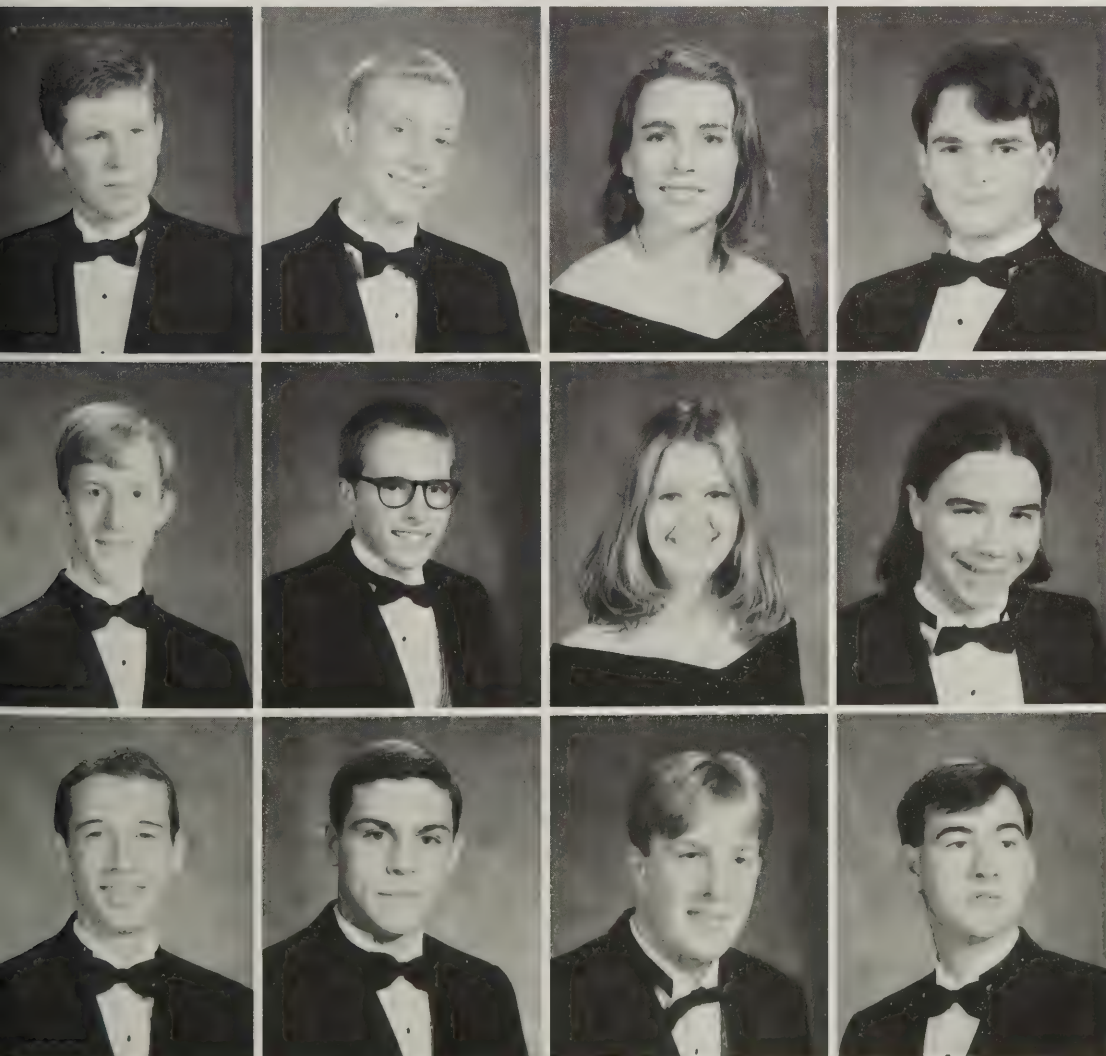
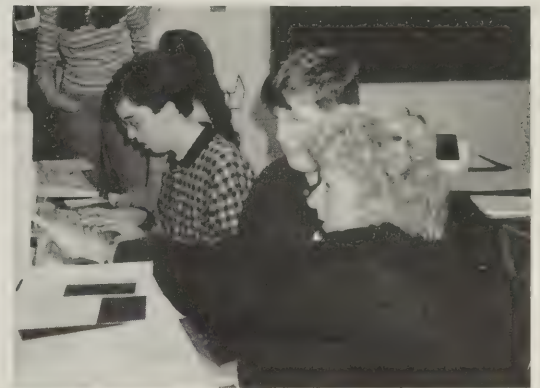
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In German III/IV class, senior Jon Lange shows Ms. Helen Small that he forgot to do his homework. She was astonished because Jon was one of her better students since he spent a year in Germany as an exchange student.

After senior Jason Bryant forgot to show up to have his templates checked by the Josten's representative, he tries to make excuses to Mrs. Dott VanDervort, the yearbook adviser. "Jason had no reasonable excuse for not showing up, so his sections staff wouldn't talk to him for three days," Mrs. VanDervort said.



WILLIAM KEITH STEWART
RYAN ROLLINGS SULLIVAN

Special Friends 12

ANGELA P. TALIAFERRO

Track 9,10,11,12; Basketball 9,10,11; NHS 11,12;
Key Club 12; Band 9,10,11,12

JOHN TALLEY

GREGORY KEVIN TAYLOR

Governor's School 11,12

DAVID BENJAMIN THEOBALD

SUZANNE MARIE THOMAS

Special Friends 11; Key Club 12; FHA 12;
SCARE 11; Mixed Chorus 9

TIMOTHY W. THOMAS

Football 10,11; Drama 9,10,11,12; Literary
Magazine 9,10; Newspaper 11,12

DONALD SCOTT TODD

FCA 11,12; International Club 10,11,12; Who's
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JAMES RICHARD TOMLINSON

JOSHUA EUGENE TOPPING

FBLA 11,12

JAMES MILTON TUCKER

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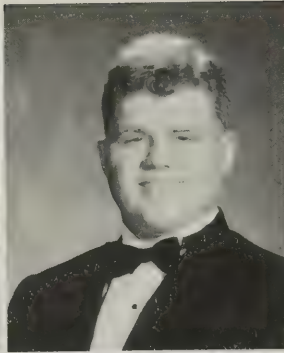
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JACOB DANIEL WEBB

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9,10,12; ICC 12

SHANNON NICOLE WEISNER

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10,11; Homecoming Court 9,10,11,12; Softball 9

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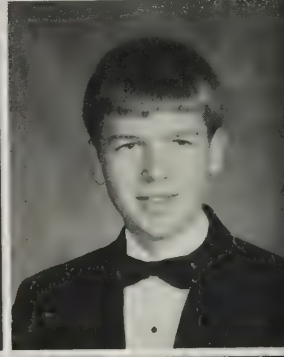
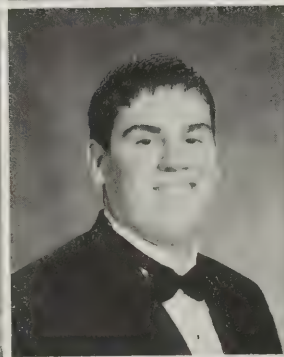
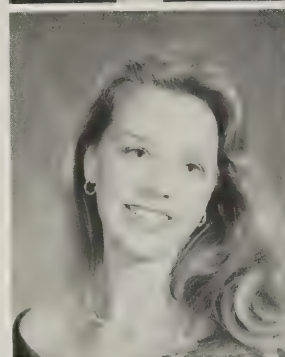
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PETER ANDREW WHITAM

Band 9,10,11,12; Drumline Capt. 11,12;
Basketball 9,10; Football 12; Track 11,12

PATRICK ALLEN WHITE**CHARLES LOUIS WINSTEAD**

NHS 11,12; Key Club 12; International Club
11,12; Yearbook 11; Who's Who 11,12

**RICHINA FAYE WOOD**

SADD 9,10,11; Special Friends 10; Key Club 9

KRISTI LYNN WOODY

Field Hockey 9,10,11; Key Club 12; SADD 11;
VICA Vice-President 12; Newspaper 11,12

GRETCHEN CHRISTINE ZOHN

Cheerleading 9,10,11,12; Volleyball 10,11,12;
Swing Choir 9,10,11,12; Happy Club 9

***Celebrating a friend's birthday, senior Donnie***

Todd and his sister Caroline, a sophomore, decide on what to order at Olive Garden. "When it's someone's birthday my friends and I take them out for dinner. Because Caroline and I have mutual friends we end up spending a lot of time together," Donnie said.

NOT PICTURED**RICHARD BROWN****JESSICA JEFFREYS****MIYON KIM****TARA SHERMAN****JENNIFER SNYDER**

Older siblings provide transportation, friendship, guidance

Loving Siblings

At home may not be the only place you see them. Once they reach high school you can't seem to get away from them. Brothers and sisters, love them or hate them.

"The only thing that bothers me about Katie being in high school is the older guys. Before she goes on a date I have to check them out and make sure they are OK for her," Chris Lorigan said about his freshman sister.

Students found that they treated their siblings with a little more respect at school. Others said it was no different than being at home. "He's still my brother so I pick on him, but it's nothing really big. We just push each other and joke around," Chris Riley said about his brother Stephen.

Other seniors found themselves as personal chauffeurs to younger brothers, sisters and their friends. "I hate

having to drive Skip and his friends to school. When I was a sophomore I didn't have anyone to drive around," Sylvia Corneliussen said.

"It really doesn't matter that my sister is in high school, I never see her unless she wants me to give her and her friends a ride somewhere," Gabby Davis said.

Surprisingly enough, some seniors didn't see too much of their younger siblings. "I thought it would be bad because we haven't been in the same school since fifth grade, but it's OK. I don't really know he's here," Katie Edwards said.

"I rarely see my brother, but when I do I get upset because he is usually wearing something of mine," Aaron Goodman said of freshman brother Daniel.

Whether they cared to admit it or not, brothers and sisters always were related.

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Sitting with her sister Kathleen at lunch, senior Sarah Kreiger discusses how they are going to get home. Lunch time offered the chance to catch up with siblings in the school. "Kathleen doesn't normally drive to school because I take the car to seventh period. She gets a ride with a friend. We have to figure out ways to get home when one of us stays after," Sarah said.

While his younger brother Stephen talks on the phone, senior Chris Riley hands him his drink. "It's not very common for us to get along. The only time we spend together is when we're fighting," Chris said.

Must Trust

You want them to be honest and trustworthy. They have to be fun to hang out with. You want to talk about your problems with them. You don't want them to be boring or talk about you behind your back.

Everyone had certain qualities they looked for in a friend. They also had certain qualities they did not want in their friends. "I don't like it when they are boring. I also don't like it when they talk about you behind your back," freshman Sarah Powers said.

Most of the students felt that people who were backstabbers could not be trusted as a good friend. They felt that friends should be honest with each other. "I think people should not say stuff that they wouldn't say to that person's face," junior Nicole Morehouse said.

Anyone who was easy going and liked to have fun was usually a good candidate for a friend. "They have to be nice, happy, and they have to like to have fun," freshman Cheri Fletcher said.

People who were good listeners were usually considered good friends. Students also wanted to be trusted by their friends. "I like someone who I can talk to about anything. They also have to be able to trust me," sophomore Kim Garriss said.

Jennifer Mabe

Friendships
built on
honesty,
personality,
respect,
common
interests,
ability to
listen

Friends who willingly stood by their friends and never let them down were sought after. "I look for someone who is funny and will laugh. It is also important that they will stick by me all the time," junior Alison Mast said.

Many students felt that if a person could not respect and be truthful to their friends, then they could not respect themselves and others. "I think that if a person can't be true to their friends, then they can't be true to themselves," junior Arinn Johnson said.

Different opinions on what made certain friendships last longer than other friendships offered insight on friend qualities. "Friendships last longer when they are built on communication. Friends should talk out their problems instead of getting mad and ignoring each other," junior Jeff Norris said.

Students sometimes felt like they needed time away from their friends. "Friends need time away from each other, because if they spend too much time together then they start to annoy each other," sophomore Ashley Brownley said.

Different people chose their friends for many different reasons. If people did not have certain qualities, then they were not considered good friend material.

Jonathan Abell 09
Michael Akers 10
Whitney Allen 09
James Alsbrooks 11
Peter Anderson 11
Robert Ankeney 11
Michael Artis 11
Marissa Austin 09

Suzanne Ayres 11
Yoshika Azuma 10
Danielle Backus 10
Jonathan Backus 11
Ryland Ballard 11
Albert Banton 09
Jesse Barber 10
John Bargeman 11

Michael Bargeman 09
Jason Barnett 11
Barbara Barthelmy 10
Karen Basnett 11
Kevin Batchelder 11
Nelson Beard 09
Frank Beazlie 11
Sally Beazlie 09





Joking Around. A sense of humor was an appealing quality for a good friend. Freshman Kristin White listens as freshman Sara Thomas, in disguise, relates a humorous experience. "Sara is the best! She is always so happy, and when I am in a bad mood, she is the one who can always cheer me up. Sometimes she gets totally crazy, but mostly she is just cheerful," Kristin said.



Watching Movies. Hanging out with their friends, juniors Arinn Johnson, Marni Luthie, and Sam Cowles watch a movie at Arinn's house. "We like to hang out together and watch movies when there is nothing else to do," Arinn said. Students sometimes had to find alternatives to going out when there was nothing to do on the weekend.

Getting Down. During the pep rally, juniors Kathleen Kreiger, Jenny Stallings, and Michelle Harrell dance the Macarena, the newest dance craze. Although classes were assigned to certain sections of the bleachers at the pep rallies, friends usually sat with one another.

Sprain Pain

Teenagers think they are invincible. Often, they act as if they really are. However, they soon realize that they are vulnerable in many ways.

"I tore a ligament in a varsity football game against Smithfield. My foot got caught beneath a guy, and everyone fell on top of him. I can't play football anymore and I'm out for the season," sophomore Josh Grohs said. Not being able to play sports was a bitter consequence for students. After recovering from the injury, some could continue to play sports.

Multiple injuries crippled students. "The first injury was in second grade. Matt, my brother, pulled something out from under me, and I broke my wrist. I was in a cast for almost two months. The second time, I was playing football. I was going to tackle John Bargeman, but he ran right into me and fractured my arm. I felt a little pain and thought it was severely sprained. I was out four weeks," sophomore Mark Moncure said.

Potentially fatal injuries befell fortunate survivors. "I busted my head last year. I ran under a slide at Kid's Island and

Daniel Wong

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brought my head up too early. I had nine stitches, and was kind of scared. My hair was like a carpet of blood. I couldn't attend soccer practices anymore," freshman Matt Torrenti said.

Frightening incidents haunted students even after many years passed, but most overcame the fear. "I was hanging upside-down on the elementary school jungle gym. I sort of slipped from the monkey bars, trying to reach back up. I landed on my left elbow and broke it. I was six weeks in a sling, but I didn't wear it. I was afraid to do the monkey bars until I got brave enough in the middle school," sophomore Curie Choi said.

Permanent injuries followed the hapless event. Even with doctors' supervision, students had to live with their minor deformities. "I was playing basketball when Skip Banton passed the ball across the court. It hit my ring finger and broke it sideways. The doctors sort of taped my finger to the others for about three weeks. My finger is slightly crooked," freshman Randall Lawson said.

These painful episodes served as a reminder to students that they were not injury-proof.

Spraining Ankle. Arriving early because of crutches, sophomore Jeff Parker sits in the lobby and talks to sophomore Steven Guill. "At basketball practice, I twisted my ankle while doing sprints. I went to tag the line, landed on my toes, and rolled on my heel. I hate being in the cast. I'll be glad when I get it off. After this, I am going to try out for track," he said.





David Becker 09
Samantha Belanger 10
John Bell 10
Michael Bell 11
Robert Bellamy 09
Diana Benner 09
Joel Bernache 11
Marc Bethel 11

Teresa Betts 10
Luke Biron 10
Page Bishop 11
Jeremy Bloxom 11
Katherine Boddy 09
Jennifer Bookwalter 10
Curtis Booth 09
Renee Booth 10

Kathleen Boyle 10
Jennifer Brandt 11
Clinton Brauer 10
Valerie Brauer 10
Matthew Britt 10
Adam Brook 11
Michael Brooks 11
Christopher Brown 09

Craig Brown 11
Jennifer Brown 10
Lara Brown 10
Samiat Brown 11
Samuel Brown 09
Ashley Brownley 10
Melanie Buckley 10
Crystal Bullard 09

James Bullard 11
Roger Bullard 10
Jamie Bundlie 10
Brian Bunting 10
Brian Bunting 09
Grayson Bunting 10
Michael Bunting 11
Krystal Busse 09

Robert Butler 10
Travis Butler 10
Sarah Cain 10
Jason Camden 11
Joesph Camden 11
Christina Campbell 09
Bonnie Cannon 11
Christopher Card 11

Melissa Card 09
Amanda Carmony 10
Tabitha Carmony 09
Joesph Carr 09
Christopher Carter 11
David Carter 09
Kathi Carter 11
Meredith Cassell 10

Andrew Causey 10
Derek Chambers 11
Elizabeth Chandler 09
John Chapman 11
Laura Chapman 09
Curie Choi 10
Samuel Choi 11
Nicole Chorik 10

Jennifer Chung 10
Catherine Clevenger 09
Erin Cobb 09
Emile Cochet 11
Lauren Cochet 09
Britney Compton 10
Judd Compton 11
Casie Conner 10

Jennifer Conway 09
Jonathan Conway 10
Amber Corbett 09
Steven Corneliussen 10
Amber Costello 09
Danielle Cote 09
Samuel Cowles 11
Ann Cox 09



Erin Crabtree 09
Joshua Craig 10
Christopher Crawford 10
Katie Creecy 10
Tommy Crittenden 11
Kurry Daniel 09
Cory Dannels 11
Jacob Davenport 11



Sara Davenport 09
Stacey Davenport 11
Clint Davis 11
Theresa Davis 09
William Dearman 10
Greg Deaver 10
Autumn Deihl 11
Sara Deihl 10



Removing Lenses. Contact lenses sometimes caused itching and discomfort. As freshman Rebecca Scott feels pain in one of her eyes, she pulls out one of her lenses to see if it is the cause. "Honestly, my contacts do not give me that much trouble. Once in a while, they are annoying, but part of the reason I enjoy them is because I do not even know that they are there," Rebecca said. Feeling better after sitting for a while without the lens in her eye, she cleaned it and put it back in.

Reading Aids. Glasses did not always have to be worn all of the time. As sophomore Patrick Piercefield glances over material that will appear on an upcoming test, he wears glasses to help him read the text. "These glasses help me see when I read books and write assignments, but I am so glad that I can take them off when I am finished," Patrick said. After his cram session, he removed his glasses and proceeded to the classroom to take the test.





James Dempsey 10
Michael DeRyder 10
Benjamin Desper 09
Sarah Dewey 11
Jimmy DeWitt 11
Branden Diggs 09
Charles Diggs 10
Christine Diggs 10

Greg Diggs 10
Ronald Diggs 11
Drew Dixon 11
Ira Dixon 09
Amy Doernte 09
Niki Doernte 11
Robert Dorsey 11
Robert Dotson 10

Jessica Dryden 11
Kathryn Dryden 10
Michael DuBose 11
Jesse Dunlap 10
Michael Edge 09
Charles Edwards 09
Shawn Edwards 10
Brad Elsass 11

Blur Cure

Cover one eye and read the letters that are on the screen."

You gasp. You can't make out any letters! Squinting as hard as you can, you quickly spit out answers at random, hoping to get lucky, but alas, you miss all of them.

It looks like you need a pair of glasses or some contact lenses.

Numerous students have been blessed with perfect vision, but many wear glasses or contact lenses.

Students preferred contact lenses because glasses were an obstruction to the face.

Glasses always get in the way. When I play basketball with contacts in, I don't get distracted," junior Kevin Batchelder said.

No longer having to fidget with slipping glasses was also an advantage to contact lenses. "I don't have to bother with adjusting my glasses all of the time. I can stick in my contacts in the morning and not have to worry until I take them out at night," freshman Diana Withian said.

Some people purchased contacts that changed their eye color. "For two weeks, I had contacts that tinted my eyes with an electric blue. They were gorgeous and everybody

Craig Gallaer

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noticed them," junior Courtney Judd said.

However, contact lenses posed problems now and then. "If you lose one, it is hard to find. If it gets stuck or rips, you get irritated eyes and headaches," junior Shari Gross said.

Improving one's appearance was also a reason students selected contact lenses over glasses. "I think that most people look better in contact lenses, but I have to say that certain people look very intelligent in glasses," sophomore Kelly Longstreet said.

While contacts seemed perfect, others preferred wearing glasses. "I used to wear contacts, but they were horrible. Mostly, I forget that my glasses are even on. When I play tennis on a hot day, though, they slide down my nose," junior Judd Compton said.

Junior Jeff Norris simply had to agree that glasses were the choice for him. He said, "I don't think I would enjoy contacts. I have seen people put them in, and it freaks me out. I've also heard stories about people getting objects caught in them. I'll take glasses any day."

When it came to picking whether glasses or contact lenses were the better choice for correcting vision, each pupil had to decide.

Dress Distress

Does your skirt reach your finger tips? Are your straps too skinny? Does your shirt say something vulgar?

These were all questions students asked themselves every day as they dressed in order to meet the new school dress code.

With the beginning of a new school year came the beginning of enforcing new rules, such as the new dress code policies. These new standards added to the old regulations, but were more strictly enforced. "At the middle school they did not enforce the dress code as strictly as they do here, so it has impacted the way I dress more this year," freshman Sally Beazlie said.

These new policies included no exposure of any cleavage, no tank tops, halter tops or spaghetti straps. It also included the notorious one about the length of shorts, skirts, skorts that must not be shorter than the tip of the longest digit when hands are placed at one's side while standing.

The latter of the three was the harshest. "I think the new dress code is unthoughtful to guys. Now we aren't allowed to check girls out because they are wearing sweats. I am down right flabbergasted! I like seeing girls in tank

Meghan Steele

**New
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aggravation,
raises
questions,
requires
strict
enforcement
of
rules**

tops. Now the only thing I look forward to is game days when the cheerleaders are wearing tight outfits that show off their legs. This dress code is an outrage," junior Sam Cowles said.

Students agreed that the new regulations were directed more at girls. "The dress code is aimed towards girls. Guys have very few restrictions on how they dress. It is very one-sided," sophomore Shannon Nobile said.

Freshman J.B. Richardson agreed. "The new dress code does not affect me. It is targeted more towards girls, and I am a guy and do not wear tank tops or short shorts. Girls should be able to wear what they are comfortable in," he said.

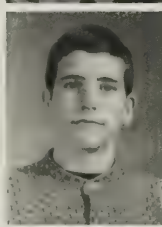
In general, everyone decided they did not see a reason for all of the new stipulations on dress. "In the past at PHS we haven't had any major problems with the dress code, so I don't understand why they created all of these new rules," said sophomore Natalie Stallings.

Although nearly all the students disagreed with the new dress code policy, most abided by it. The consequences led up to an in-school suspension, which to most, just wasn't worth getting all dressed up for.

Beth Emmert 09
Brian Eng 10
Jacqueline Ernzen 09
Chasity Estep 11
Mary Beth Evans 11
Tyler Evans 11
Amy Fairchild 09
Jonathan Falls 11



Daniel Farmer 09
Deanna Farmer 11
Steven Feigh 10
Nicole Feldt 11
Michael Ferguson 10
Tiffany Ferrell 09
Ryan Ferry 10
Ray Fiedler 09



Vincent Figuénick 09
Justin Finch 09
Anita Firman 09
George Firman 10
Scott Firman 10
Shannon Firman 10
Albert Firth 10
Angel Firth 10





Passing The Test. Shopping with friends at the mall, sophomore Shannon Nobile checks the length of a skirt she is considering purchasing to see if it makes dress code. "When I'm trying on clothes, especially skirts, I try to make sure they meet the dress code. What would be the point in buying it if I couldn't wear it to school?" Shannon said.

One Exception. Although skirts had to be below the fingertips, uniforms were an exception. Junior Randi Webb wears her cheerleading uniform during a pep rally. Other uniforms that didn't meet the new dress code included tennis, field hockey, track and cross country.



Sheryl Firth 11
Vicki Firth 11
James Fischer 10
Jason Fishman 11
Melissa Fishman 09
Diana Fithian 09
Rachel Fithian 11
Brandon Fitzpatrick 11

Trevor Fitzpatrick 09
Cheryl Fletcher 09
Nikki Folks 11
David Ford 09
Justin Ford 09
Wesley Forehand 09
Corie Forrest 11
Jason Forrest 10

Karen Forrest 11
Katie Forrest 10
Kelli Forrest 10
Seth Forrest 11
Christopher Fortier 11
Matthew Fortner 09
Michael Foushee 10
Christopher Fowler 11

Fiction Prediction

You see it in the newspaper every day. You read it in your magazine every month. It is plastered all over billboards and advertised on TV every five minutes. It is astrology. Whether it be in the form of horoscopes or psychic hot lines, it seems to be everywhere.

Everyone wanted to predict the future. In reality, no one could. There were a few who said they could, but everything they said was usually taken with reservations.

Most of the student body did not believe in astrology. Horoscopes were read mainly for entertainment. "Horoscopes are fun to read, but I don't believe them. They don't come true," junior Nicole Knudsen said.

Horoscopes were read when there was spare time, if a newspaper or magazine was handy. "Sometimes at the grocery store I pick up a newspaper and read them, but I don't believe them," junior Jarrett Yehlen said.

Sometimes horoscopes were considered fake and totally unbelievable. "I think it is all fake and nothing ever comes true, so I don't read horoscopes," junior Derek Chambers said.

Horoscopes were sometimes thought to be

Jennifer Mabe

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false and used for an easy way to make money. "I don't believe in horoscopes. I think they are lies used for making money. I think they are like false advertising," sophomore Nickie Chorik said.

There were many different psychic hot lines that were constantly advertised on television. "I think that psychic phone lines are fake. The people on the commercials are paid to say they are true," junior Chris Card said.

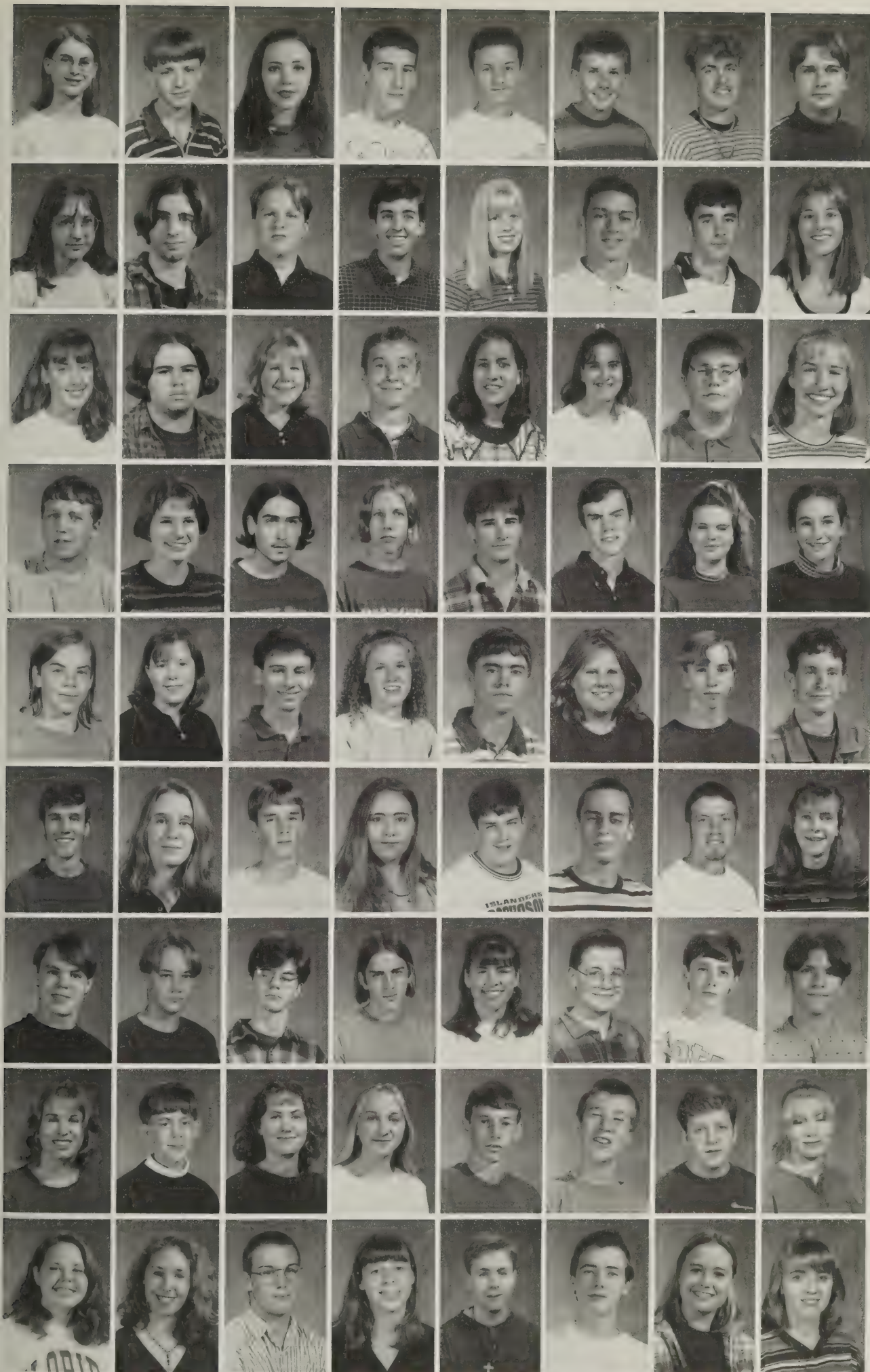
People who called psychic hot lines were usually charged by the minute. "I think psychic hot lines are a bunch of bull. They are a rip off," junior Kevin McClellan said.

A more unique way of learning the future was going to a fortune teller. "I was visiting Ocean City, when me and my friend decided to see a fortune teller. I had my palm read. She asked me about my boyfriend and she told me I was going to outlive my husband. The stuff she said about my boyfriend was true, but I only believed it to a certain point," junior Lindsey Reinholdt said.

Even though most astrology was fake, it became a part of our society. Whenever you opened a newspaper or turned on a TV you couldn't get away from it.

Just Checking. Relaxing after school, junior Arinn Johnson reads her daily horoscope in the newspaper. "Everyday I read my horoscope to see if my day will be good or bad," Arinn said. Horoscopes were sometimes surprisingly accurate in their predictions.





Kathleen Fowler 11
Matthew Fox 09
Stephanie Frazier 11
Brian Freeman 11
Daniel Freeman 10
Jason Freeman 09
David Freeman 10
Christopher French 09

Elizabeth French 09
Alec Frieden 10
Curtis Furois 09
Craig Gallae 11
Lindsay Gallae 09
Pedro Garcia 11
Joshua Gardner 10
Kimberly Garrett 09

Kimberly Garris 10
Adam Gaskins 10
Jamie Gatz 09
Aaron Gaul 10
Crystal Gearhart 10
Kimberly Gearhart 10
Matthew Gengnagel 11
Kristin Geppert 11

Christopher Gibbs 11
Emily Gibbs 09
Keith Gibbs 11
Paul Gilbert 10
Shawn Gillispie 11
Hamilton Gills 09
Carrie Goff 10
Julia Goldman 09

Karel Gonzalez 10
Alison Gooding 09
Daniel Goodman 09
Penny Goodrich 11
Todd Goodson 10
Tina Goodson 10
Timothy Gore 09
Frederick Graef 11

Neal Graham 10
Elizabeth Green 10
Gibson Green 09
Amanda Griffith 11
Joshua Grohs 10
James Groom 09
Cory Groseth 11
Shari Gross 11

Steven Guill 10
Stephen Gula 10
Nicholas Guthrie 11
Eric Hacecky 10
Kari Hahn 09
Christopher Hall 09
Joseph Hanlon 09
Gerald Hansler 09

Blair Hardaway 11
John Hardin 10
Victoria Harper 11
Michelle Harrell 11
Christopher Harris 10
Joshua Harris 10
Eric Hartman 10
Michelle Hazelwood 10

Traci Hazen 11
Christina Heimbruch 11
Timothy Henley 09
Nicole Hicks 10
Jonathan Hill 11
Jeffrey Hogge 10
Susan Hogge 10
Jenny Holland 11

Joshua Hollingsworth 10
Robert Holloway 10
Justin Holloway 09
Nathan Holst 11
Krystal Hopson 09
Scott Howell 10
William Howland 09
George Hudgins 09



Ross Hudgins 09
Ryan Hudgins 09
Ruth Ann Hultman 10
Charles Hunt 09
Graham Hunt 11
Benton Hunt 10
Natalie Hunt 10
Andrea Hunter 10



Mark Hunter 10
Ryan Hunter 11
Jerrod Hurr 11
Josh Hurr 10
Meredith Hurst 10
Aaron Huskey 10
Jacob Inge 10
Brian Ingram 11



Consuming Food. There were tables to the side of the serving line where students ate lunch. Sophomore Angel Firth waited in line to purchase food and then found her way to her table. Angel has chick-fillet and pineapple as her lunch. After finishing eating, she put her plate up and talked with friends for the rest of lunch.

Purchasing Meals. After buying her lunch, freshman Jenny Martin takes her plate to go sit down. "Not all my friends are in A lunch. Lunch gives me time to eat and finish homework. I don't like standing in line, but I buy all the time," Jenny said. Besides taco day, chick-fillet day was one of the days most students bought lunch.





Joshua Insley 10
Kelly Insley 11
Kimberly Insley 10
Matthew Insley 10
Sean Ivey 10
Pongsri Jackson 10
Laura Jenkins 10
Robert Jenkins 10

Thomas Jenkins 11
Robert Jobson 10
Arinn Johnson 11
Jordan Johnson 10
Justin Johnson 09
Patrick Johnson 11
Sara Johnson 11
Brian Jones 09

Kara Jones 09
Leslie Jones 09
Brian Jordan 10
Derek Juang 10
Courtney Judd 11
Charles Juhl 11
Amber Kaiser 10
Maurice Kaiser 11

Eat Retreat

Empty tables and working cafeteria ladies wait for the rush of students ready to eat their wholesome lunch.

Cold beverages were conveniently located where students had access to them. This meant that drinks didn't have to be brought everyday. "I buy lunch so I don't have to make it in the morning. My favorite school lunch is dino-chicken nuggets. I wouldn't bring lunch because I wouldn't get hot lunches and cold drinks," junior Danielle Kukich said.

Buying lunch allowed for a less hassled morning for those who didn't want to prepare their own lunch. It also prevented the food from being smashed and it saved storage room in lockers or bookbags. "I buy lunch because I don't feel like bringing my lunch. My favorite foods are pepperoni pizzas and hamburgers. I get something of everything, depending on how hungry I am. If I forgot my lunch money, I would borrow some," junior Harold Rick said.

The long wait in the seemingly never-ending lunch line was not worth the trouble to some people. Instead of standing in line, they could be eating and talking with their friends. If food was served from one of their favorite places to

Daniel Wong

**Break
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socializing
with
friends,
finishing
incomplete
homework**

eat, the wait would be bearable. "I bring lunch because the lines are too long. I would buy school lunch if we got food from Taco Bell," sophomore Steven Tom said.

Some students brought lunch just out of habit. They knew what they wanted and could pack lunch quickly because of practice. "I've been bringing lunch ever since first grade. It's easier to throw food in a bag and go instead of waiting in line. I usually bring a sandwich, fruit snacks, snacks and drink," sophomore Chris Harris said.

Others found it hard even to find time to eat lunch. Their schedules wouldn't permit it, so they ate during class. "I have to bring my lunch because I don't have a scheduled lunch time. So I eat in calculus. I have to go to governor's school, so they had to cut my lunch out of my schedule. I usually bring a Lunchable and drink, then something with chocolate," junior Judd Compton said.

Most people who brought lunch didn't want to mess with lines or disliked the food that was served in the cafeteria. Buyers took advantage of hot food and didn't want to bother with preparing lunch.

Might Fights

Harry Sanders once said, "Winning isn't everything. It's the only thing."

In nature, it is the survival of the fittest. Even in our society, we must fight a constant struggle to be victorious because there are always others who are trying to be just one notch better. Rivalry and the pressure to be the best could be found in siblings, sports teams, or classmates.

Students often had constant rivalries with their siblings. "My brother and I fight about who is better at everything. I get mad and deck him really hard. That is when things really start flying," freshman Casey Carr said.

They also had to face rivalry when they were compared to someone else. "Teachers always compare me to my brother, Judd, who always gets straight A's, and they expect that I will be the same way. I try hard only to be a rival to myself," sophomore Britney Compton said.

Rivalry could also be found on a sports field. "I play soccer, and I think that rivalry makes me improve myself as a player and as a person. It is healthy and gives me a competitive edge over my opponents who do not consider me to be a rival," junior Nathan Holst

Craig Gallaer

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siblings,
sports
teams
brings
improved
performance
as well as
anxiety**

said.

Still, there were students who disliked the spirit of rivalry. "It just adds stress, makes me nervous, and causes me to make mistakes. My field hockey team thrives on it, but I think that it can really make people act negatively," junior Michelle Harrell said.

Rivalry was present in student body elections. "When I ran for student council, I definitely felt competitive. While I knew that my opponents were not bad candidates, I knew I had to convince the voters that I was the best choice. I was so excited when I found out that I had won, but the campaigning process was very stressful," junior Christa Stutt said.

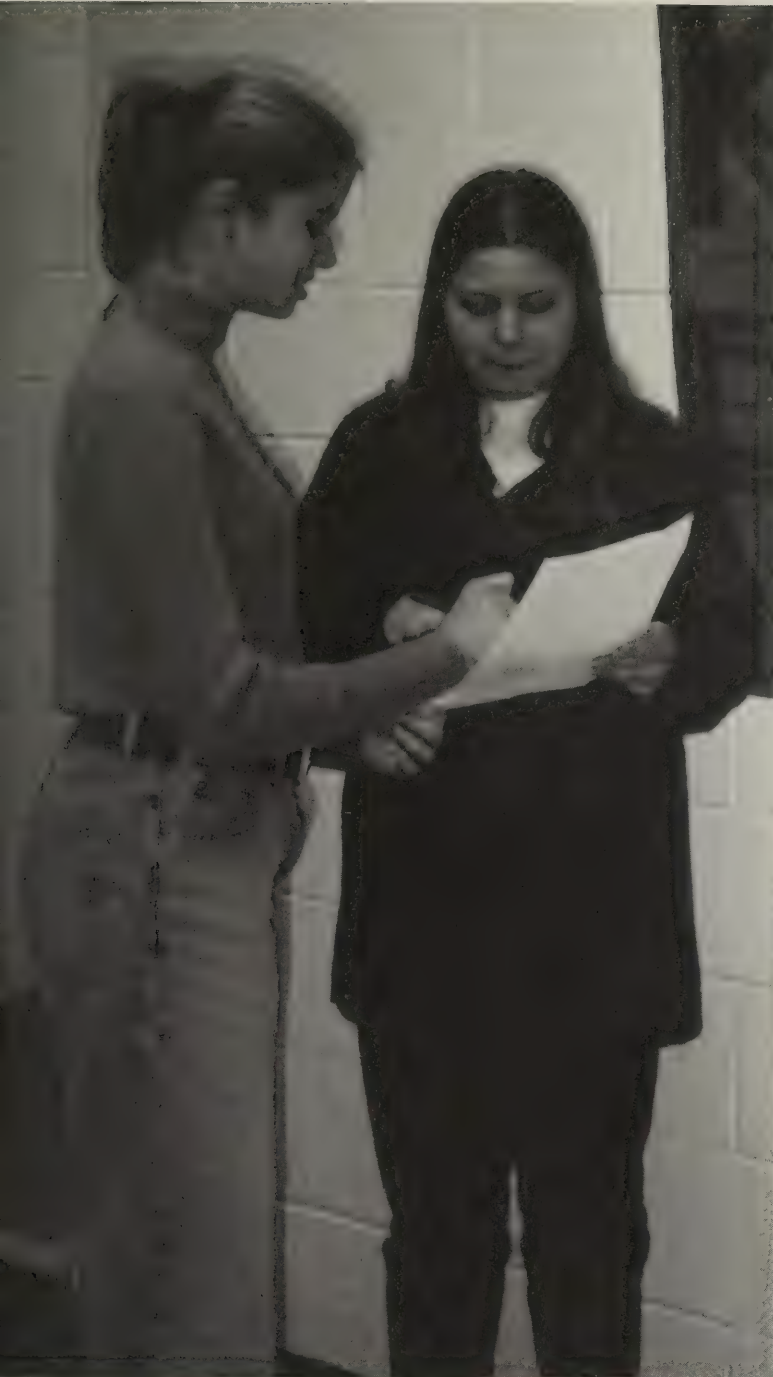
The end result of rivalry could have often been a positive experience. "It motivates you to focus your efforts on a common goal and heightens your performance level. It is a character-builder," junior Ashleigh Schuller said.

Football coach Vince Lombardi once stated "Winning is not a 'sometime' thing. It is an 'all-the-time' thing."

For students who were involved in competition, they had to accept the spirit of rivalry as an all-the-time thing also.

Paul Keddell 10
Trevor Kegl 11
Tara Kehoe 11
Brittany Kelley 09
Jennifer Kennedy 11
Jason Kent 09
Amanda Kern 10
Lindsey King 11
Sarah Kinnan 11
April Klaassen 10
Nicole Knudsen 11
Jodi Koenig 11
Erica Kohr 10
Jason Koptish 11
Joshua Kovar 11
Nicole Krakowski 11
Kathleen Kreiger 11
Danielle Kukich 11
Jeffrey Lackey 10
Kenneth Lackey 09
Shawn Lacks 11
Krystle Lambert 09
Ashley Lamberton 11
Ian Lamprecht 11





Signing Petitions. Clubs and organizations held elections for officer positions that pitted one student against another during campaigning. As Key Club elections draw near, junior Alison Mast convinces junior Tara Starnier to sign her petition based on a promise that she would pledge a great deal of time and energy into doing great things for the club and its members if elected.

Comparing Scores. Rivalry could be found in the classroom after tests were returned. Upon receiving their grades on a quiz in Mr. Mark VanDervort's AP English class, juniors Joyce Yue and Rachel Fithian immediately got together to compare answers and see who scored higher. They learned from one another's errors and both agreed that they would need to study a bit harder for the next quiz.



Lindsay Lane 10
James LaRue 11
Cody Lawrence 09
Randall Lawson 09
Rebecca Lawson 10
David Layton 11
Holly Layton 09
James Layton 11

Christine Leeson 11
Joshua Lemmons 09
Rachel Ligat 11
Jennifer Lippincott 10
Casey Liscum 11
Ryan Loer 11
Kelly Longstreet 10
Lawrence Lord 11

Kathleen Lorigan 09
Marni Luthie 11
Jennifer Mabe 11
Brett Maguire 11
McLain Maguire 09
Shawn Major 10
Chom Mang 09
Samedy Mang 11

Flatter Chatter

Your English teacher hands back your term paper with a gigantic red 69% written at the top. Do you let the grade slide or do you compliment her new hair cut and her great taste in shoes until that 69 becomes a 75?

Brownosers were not uncommon in the classrooms or on the playing fields. Their presence was felt in just about every aspect of student life. Students felt there were suitable times to kiss up to a teacher, coach, or friend. "There are times when kissing up is appropriate, such as when you need money or something," junior Kevin McClellan said.

When asked whether he believed there were any times brownnosing was fitting, freshman Ryan Hudgins said, "If you need a good grade for your report card then it's OK to kiss up."

Students took pride in being a brownnoser. "I only kiss up to get what I really want, like money. I take great pride in being a brownnoser," junior Dave Shannon said.

While some students saw kissing up as an innocent act in order to obtain something they wanted, others felt there were ulterior

Meghan Steele

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clothes,
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effects**

motives to the brownnoser's actions. "I think brownnosers have little confidence in themselves since they have to act that way to get what they want," sophomore Mina Tabibi said.

Usually kissing up paid off. "One time I promised my Dad I would wash the dishes for a week in order to get him to buy me this coat I wanted from the Limited," junior Blair Hardaway said.

Some felt that brownnosing produced a fake sense of security and accomplishment. "Some people think they can get ahead by brownnosing, but they never usually do," sophomore Steven Tom said.

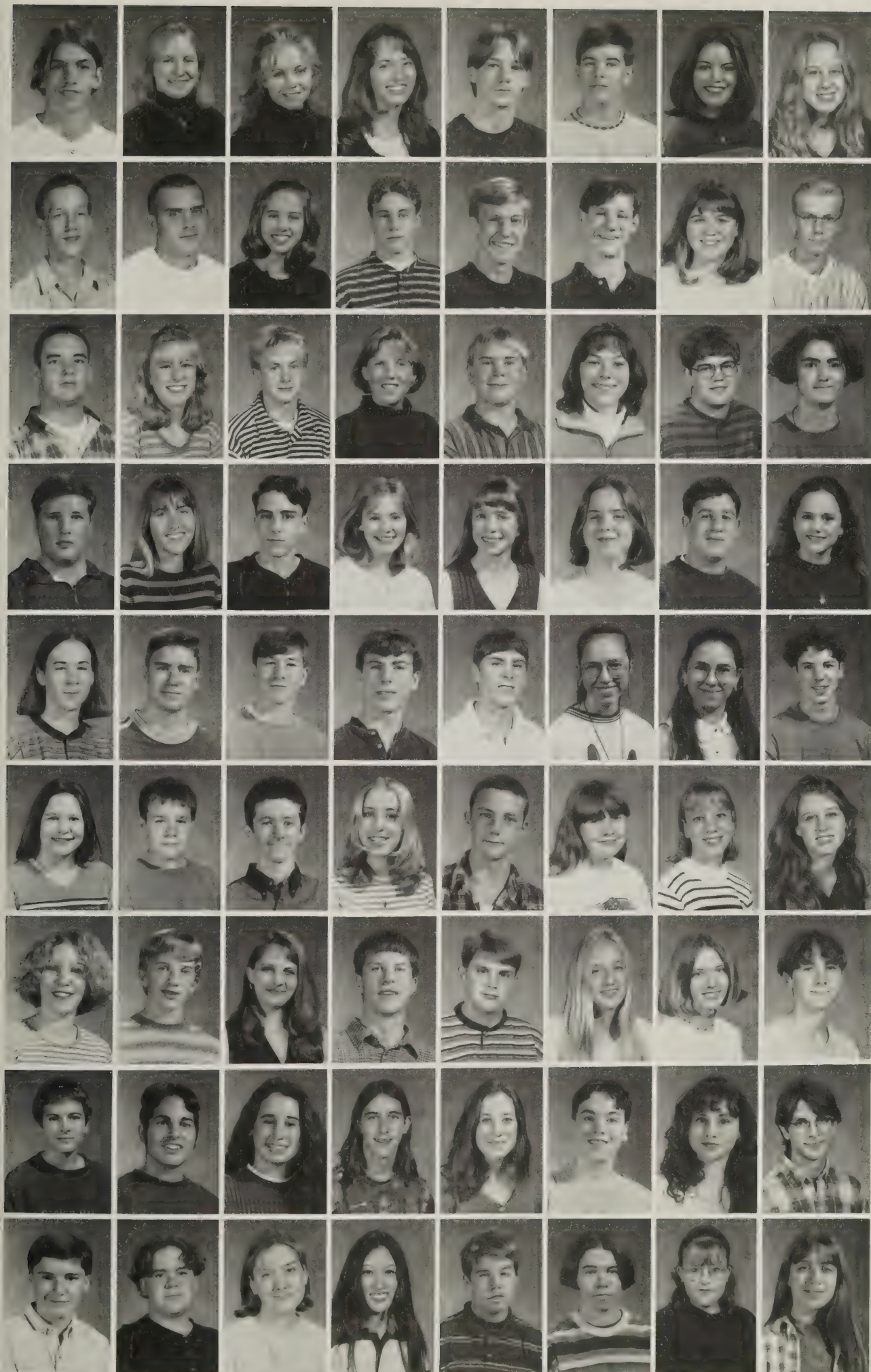
Others just totally disagreed with their actions. "I find people who constantly brownnose to be incredibly annoying," sophomore Jamie Bundlie said.

Junior Alexis Ross agreed. "I think it's really annoying when people brownnose, because it's so fake," she said.

In general, students agreed there were times when brownnosing was appropriate and necessary. Freshman Cassie McDaniel said, "If I ever kissed up or ever needed to kiss up I would, because in the long run, it really pays off."

Kiss Up. In order to get on Mrs. Debbe Goddin's good-side, sophomore Natalie Stallings asks for extra help during free time in class. "I like to ask teachers for help when there is extra time in class. Then when you need those few extra points, the teacher remembers you trying hard and there is a better chance of you getting those extra points," she said.





Mark Marconi 09
 Jessica Mardis 10
 Rebecca Marlowe 11
 Michelle Marshall 10
 Jacob Martin 09
 Jake Martin 11
 Jennifer Martin 09
 Katherine Martin 11

Daniel Martinez 09
 Ralph Mason 11
 Allison Mast 11
 David Mattson 09
 Timothy Mattson 11
 James Maxwell 09
 Katherine May 09
 Leonard Mayhew 11

Daniel McAdams 11
 Christine McBride 11
 Kevin McClellan 11
 Cassie McDaniel 09
 Matthew McDaniel 09
 Mindy McDaniel 11
 Bryan McDaniels 10
 Marc McGarry 11

Steven McGee 09
 Rachel McGraw 11
 Kyle McGrevey 10
 Christy McIntyre 10
 Christine Meadors 10
 Jennifer Messer 09
 Jason Messick 10
 Amanda Metcalf 09

Chris Miller 10
 Paul Miner 11
 Joesph Miskell 10
 Mark Moncure 10
 Matthew Moncure 10
 Larissa Montalvo 11
 Mary Montalvo 09
 Ryan Montgomery 11

Amanda Moore 10
 Garland Moore 09
 George Moore 10
 Jennifer Moore 10
 Justin Moore 09
 Kristina Moore 09
 Misty Moore 09
 Nicole Morehouse 11

Jennifer Morgan 09
 John Morgan 09
 Taylor Morgan 11
 Thomas Morgan 11
 Aaron Morse 09
 Erin Murphy 11
 Kathleen Murphy 09
 Thomas Myer 11

Gregory Myers 09
 David Nadolny 11
 Renate Newman 09
 Brett Nicholason 10
 Shannon Nobile 10
 Mike Nolan 09
 Amber Normandin 10
 Jeffrey Norris 11

Jason North 09
 Nathan Oakley 09
 Lydia Olson 10
 Pam Owens 11
 Paul Page 09
 Robert Page 11
 Stephanie Page 09
 Amanda Palmer 11

Alexis Pappas 09
 Brian Parker 10
 Heather Parker 11
 Jeffrey Parker 10
 Jon Parker 11
 Kellee Parmenter 09
 Terri Parrish 10
 John Pauls 09



Valerie Pearce 10
 Michelle Pennow 10
 Christopher Perdue 10
 Nick Perdue 11
 Tammi Perok 11
 Michael Pierce 09
 Patrick Piercefield 10
 Jamison Potter 11



Elizabeth Powell 09
 Katie Powell 10
 Megan Powell 10
 William Powell 09
 Sarah Powers 09
 Jamie Price 11
 Angela Pruitt 10
 Daniel Pruitt 09



Crossing Bridge. A tradition unique only to Ring Dance was the locking of class rings as couples crossed an illuminated wooden bridge. After reaching the center of the bridge, junior Kristy Geppert has her ring turned and locked in front of her classmates by her date Brian Topping. Once finished, the pair left the bridge and waited for the remaining couples to have their rings locked on the bridge. Music then resumed and dancing continued.

Sharing Time. Although much of Ring Dance involved socializing with classmates and participating in a bridge-crossing ceremony in front of others, couples managed to squeeze in a quiet moment just to think, relax, and talk with one another. As the music drifts into a slower song, junior Jason Koptish and freshman Amanda Zohn enjoy each other's company by sharing a dance. Although such personal moments were difficult to find at this event, couples cherished this time as it arose.





Steven Purdy 09
Alison Quenville 10
Cassandra Quinn 09
Patrick Rault 09
Lindsey Reinholdt 11
Christopher Render 10
Elizabeth Render 11
Amy Richardson 11

J.B. Richardson 09
Nina Richardson 11
Harold Rick 11
Rachel Ricklefs 09
Stephen Riley 09
Christopher Robbins 11
Brandi Robinson 09
Jason Robinson 11

Jamie Rogers 10
Jeremy Rogers 10
Tonya Roland 09
Carolynn Roncaglia 10
James Rosensteel 09
Alexis Ross 11
Brandon Routten 09
James Royster 11

Ring Fling

All eyes are on the couple as they walk to the center of the illuminated, ivy-covered bridge. They turn to face one another, and she gently turns his class ring toward his middle finger. He does the same for her, and they kiss. Their rings are now "locked," and the tradition is complete. The junior class ring dance was an evening of formality, ceremony, friendships, fun, and memories.

The symbolism of the dance as well as seeing hours of work and preparation come together in one night meant a great deal to students. "Ring Dance was the moment I felt I had a place in our school's history. This dance honors the junior class and all that its individual students stand for. It went on with few problems, and the night was wonderful. Decorating and preparing for the dance was stressful, but in the end I believe that all went well," junior class treasurer Chris Fortier said.

While the dance brought a sentimental feeling to some, others enjoyed the dance because they got to spend the evening with their friends dancing, talking, and having fun. I was just anxious to get out there on the dance floor with my friends and cut the rug

Craig Gallaer

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with my flavorful moves," junior Dave Shannon said.

Ring Dance kept couples busy by giving them opportunities to participate in the traditional bridge-crossing ceremony, have formal photographs taken, and eat refreshments. However, this often left some pairs too little time to dance and socialize. "I thought that the dance was a lot of fun and the decorations were great, but between waiting in line to get pictures taken and then crossing the bridge, it seemed like we stood in line for most of the night," junior Jenny Stallings said.

Purchasing a class ring was also an experience exclusive to juniors. Ring Dance allowed them to show off their rings to fellow classmates. "My class ring was personalized for me. It's silver with purple amethyst for a stone. When the light hits my ring, it is totally gorgeous. Getting my class ring was exciting because it reminded me of my junior year and all of the activities that went with it," junior Joyce Yue said.

Ring Dance was a time for the junior class to come together, enjoy one another's company in a festive atmosphere, and to lock not only their class rings, but their class unity.

Late Dates

You're stuck in your room by yourself for a week. You can't go out with your friends. You can't even use the phone. You're grounded.

Students were punished in different ways for breaking the rules and getting in trouble, but it usually resulted in some form of restriction.

Some students enjoyed causing trouble, even though they did not like the punishments they received. "Getting in trouble is fun, but the consequences are the bad part," freshman David Ford said.

Friends who would not cooperate caused trouble. "Getting in trouble is horrible, especially when you get caught because the person you're with doesn't run," junior Cory Groseth said.

One popular form of punishment was phone restriction. The loss of phone privileges was very inconvenient for teenagers. "My mom grounded me from the phone. She was really mad because I had people over when I wasn't supposed to," freshman Kelly Semeyn said.

Students were grounded for not obeying curfew. They had problems with being on time. "I came in two and a half hours after

Jennifer Mabe

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school,
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parents
brings
varied
punishments**

curfew. I was grounded for two weeks," junior Ashley Lamberton said.

Punishment happened for minor things. "My parents wanted to get the point across that I broke my curfew so I was grounded for six days. I got one day for every minute," junior Danielle Kukich said.

Unusual punishment was received for the unusual things they did. "I got grounded for opening my brother's Christmas cards and taking his money," junior Natalie Wever said.

Students were punished for not cleaning up after themselves. "When I leave my dirty underwear on the bathroom floor, Mom picks them up and throws them in my face. She does it to my uncle too. She likes the bathroom to stay clean," junior David Ward said.

Some students went too far when breaking the rules. They received major punishments from their parents when they got caught. "I skipped school and my parents found out and grounded me for three months," sophomore Charlotte Teague said.

Whether they broke curfew or took their brother's money, every student broke the rules from time to time and were punished for their actions.

James Russell 11

Anna Russo 09

Josephine Russo 10

Kathleen Sanderson 09

Susanna Sanderson 09

Steven Saunders 09

Ashleigh Schuller 11

Lisa Schwenneker 09

David Scott 11

Delores Scott 09

Rebecca Scott 09

William Scott 09

Adam Seltzer 10

Kelly Semeyn 09

Sandy Shandor 11

Neal Shannon 09

Norman Shannon 11

Christopher Shelton 11

Mark Shelton 10

Matthew Shepherd 10

Jennifer Shores 09

Carina Shtulman 10

Keith Silcox 10

Joshua Simon 10





Checking In. After a home basketball game, junior Lindsey Reinholdt calls home to check in with her mom. "I wanted to go out after the game with my friends so I called home to ask for a later curfew," Lindsey said. After the game Lindsey and her friends went out to eat.

Talking Through. After getting in trouble, freshman Lindsay Gallaer talks with her dad about how to resolve the problem. "I appreciate the fact that my dad is willing to sit down and actually talk through a problem with me rather than simply standing there and yelling at me. He listens to me also," Lindsay said. Sometimes parents felt that talking out a problem instead of punishment would solve the problem better.



Lorri Singleton 10
Stephanie Skinner 10
Richard Sledd 09
Allyson Smith 10
Christie Smith 11
Donnie Smith 09
Eric Smith 09
Erin Smith 09

Ricky Snapp 10
Maureen Sontos 09
Mary Sorrells 09
Stephanie Speinger 09
Cody Spencer 10
Tyler St. Clair 09
Robert Stahmer 10
Jennifer Stallings 11

Natalie Stallings 10
Erek Stanaway 09
Tara Starnner 11
Andrew Staton 10
Stephanie Stavrakis 11
Meghan Steele 10
Rikki Stetson 11
Andrew Stewart 09

Ask Task

These six words, as innocent as they may sound, can be the hardest words a person can ever say: "Will you go out with me?"

A big issue that presented students with dating problems was who was going to initiate the date. Sophomore Amber Normandin said, "I am personally too shy to ask a guy out, especially if it's someone that I do not know. I am really afraid of rejection."

The majority of the time the guys were expected to do the asking, but sophomore Paul Keddell thought differently. He said, "Personally, I would prefer for the girls to do the asking because it would be a nice break from having to do all the asking."

Rejection was a common worry. Whether they would be turned down or not was always something that was taken into consideration. "Asking people out is hard because you never know if they are going to say yes or no, so you don't want to feel stupid. But I guess it is better to go ahead and try," said sophomore Andrea Hunter.

Students felt that they should not have to wait around for a date. Some took the more

Meghan Steele

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active approach and did the asking. "I think that if a girl wants to go with a guy to a dance, then she should ask him. You could be waiting all day for some guys to ask you," junior Vicki Firth said.

The traditional way, the male asking the female out, was not always common among students. "I don't think the guy should always ask the girl out. If women want equal rights, then they are going to have to start sharing some of our responsibilities," junior Craig Brown said.

While the ones who did the asking were usually nervous, they agreed they were glad it didn't prevent them from going through with it. "I asked my girlfriend out in the seventh grade when we were holding hands at the Haunted House. I was so nervous because it was such a big deal. We've been together ever since," sophomore Travis Butler said.

Students agreed that whoever did the asking was not as significant as how the date actually turned out. "In the end, it isn't important who did the asking. All that matters is that you got to know someone better and had fun while doing it," freshman Katie Sanders said.

Kidding Around. Between classes, junior Jarrett Yehlen and sophomore Caroline Todd jokingly chat in the commons. It was not always easy for them to talk to each other, though. Someone had to initiate their relationship. Jarrett said, "At first it's kind of nerve-wracking, but you know you have to ask sooner or later. I am just glad she said yes."





Erik Stinson 11
Monika Stinson 09
Robert Stockum 09
Donnie Stokes 10
Stacey Stone 11
Adam Stout 09
Christa Stutt 11
David Stutt 09

Amy Sutherland 11
Kristi Sutton 10
Adam Svihla 10
Christopher Swain 11
Roy Swandol 09
Joesph Swanson 10
Sabrina Sweeny 10
Amanda Swilley 09

Mina Tabibi 10
Al Tardif 10
Heather Tate 09
Russell Taylor 10
Charlotte Teague 10
Shawn Tenkley 10
Joesph Tholl 11
Beth Ann Thomas 11

Sara Thomas 09
Benjamin Thompson 10
James Thorne 09
Crystal Thrasher 11
Caroline Todd 10
Steven Tom 10
Jennifer Tomlin 10
David Tomlinson 11

Adam Topping 10
Christine Topping 10
Michael Topping 11
Matthew Torrenti 09
Rebecca Turbish 11
Darius Turner 09
Jama Tysarczyk 10
Tracie VanHeeswyk 10

Suchi Vatsa 10
Daniel Verlander 09
Jason Verser 11
Joshua Vest 11
Sarah Walker 09
Amanda Wallace 10
Christopher Ward 10
Crystal Ward 11

David Ward 11
Jennifer Ward 11
Kimberly Watkins 11
Brandy Watson 10
Christopher Watson 10
Ryan Watson 09
Brett Watts 11
April Weaver 11

Barry Weaver 09
Randi Webb 11
Patrick Webber 10
Jonathan Weisner 09
Michael Welsh 11
Jerry Wescott 11
Crystal West 11
Matthew West 09

Tiffany West 11
Natalie Wever 11
Blair White 09
Kristin White 09
Brad White 11
Miranda Wichelns 11
Justin Williams 10
Matthew Williams 11

Double Trouble

First you see someone pass you. Then you see the same person coming from the same direction, only wearing different clothing or a different hair style. You wonder for a moment and then realize that they must be identical twins.

Many twins hated being mixed up with their brother or sister. Even boy and girl fraternal twins got their names mixed up. When identical twins grew older, though, it was easier to tell them apart by some physical traits. "A disadvantage of being an identical twin is getting confused with who's who. When we were babies, they had to put wrist bands on us to tell us apart. James had a blue wrist band, and I had a yellow one. People can tell us apart now since James has a skinny face. I have a more round face. We basically have the same personality but don't try to be like each other," junior David Layton said.

Many wondered what it was like to date a twin. As their dates got to know them, it was easier to tell them apart. The same habits used in dating anyone was applied to dating a twin. "It's fun to date a twin. I can tell them apart. You can have two pretty good-looking, attractive guys. If I break up with one, I wouldn't go with the other, though. I wouldn't

Daniel Wong

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twins**

do that. Actually, it is not really different from dating any other guy," junior Samedy Mang said.

Identical twins were not always alike. Some got tired of people pointing out that they were twins or wondering what it was like to have one. "I would rather be myself. People ask too many questions about being a twin. I do not like getting mixed up with my brother. I'm heavier and pickier in food than he is. He's also taller than I am. We disagree a lot but haven't fought in a long time. Nothing is really good about a twin. Nothing special. We're always different," sophomore Matt Moncure said.

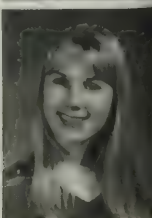
Not all twins were constantly fighting against each other. They could also be there for one another and help in times of need. "If I forget a book, my sister has it, or if I forget a home-work assignment, then I can get it from her. Teachers ask if I have a sister or a brother. I'm sometimes called by my sister's name. I've never really wondered what it would be like to have an identical twin," sophomore Jeremy Rogers said.

Some twins did not like to be bothered by others with the fact they had a twin brother or sister, but people still found them interesting.

Tomma Winder 11
Jaclyn Wingfield 09
John Winstead 10
Gabe Winters 10
Meghan Winters 11
Brian Withrow 09
Daniel Wong 10
Gary Woolard 09

Amanda Wynn 11
Jarrett Yehlen 11
Christopher Young 11
Jessie Young 10
Joyce Yue 11
Jennifer Zarembo 10
Robert Zasmowich 11
Sharon Zasmowich 10

Amanda Zohn 09





Talking Quietly. Health class was the final class of the day for freshmen Ross and Ryan Hudgins. Near the end of the day, they packed their things after their teacher, Mr. Bill Ruff, finished his lesson. While he was grading papers, they talked and socialized for the duration of the class.



Simply Relaxing. Chatting and having laughs were a part of the Layton twins' after-school life. James and David Layton wait for some friends to meet them at their table. David wrote notes to his girlfriend and James made fun of them.

Morning Preparation. Every morning before seventh period, sophomores Matt and Mark Moncure stop by their lockers. After packing all the things needed for upcoming classes, they joined friends in the commons at a specific table. Each person in their circle of friends sat in the same seats every school day. They conversed until the first bell rang.

Did You Know ?

♦ Mr. Mark VanDervort was kidnapped for an hour. He managed to get away. The criminals were caught the next day.

♦ Mrs. Nancy Gore was going to apply to be the first teacher in space on the Challenger. Fortunately for her, the application was mailed back late.

♦ Mrs. Sandy Katz used to dance in shows, particularly musicals. She also choreographed *Brigadoon* and *My Fair Lady*, to name a few.

♦ Mr. Ed Spain worked in a funeral home driving the hearse. His first pick up was a body that was run over four times by a motorcycle. He was paid five dollars to stay the night in the funeral home to answer the phones. He also worked as a garbage man for three weeks with his very own garbage truck.

Mortifying Moments

Faculty discovers that being humiliated in front of others does not stop when they grow older, it just becomes worse as the years pass

"I used to have a Christmas sweater that played music when you touched it. Five years ago, during a holiday concert, I was wearing it. At the end of the concert, I went to take a bow and it started playing. Practically the whole school was there. Everyone heard. I was so embarrassed, but I just kept on going."

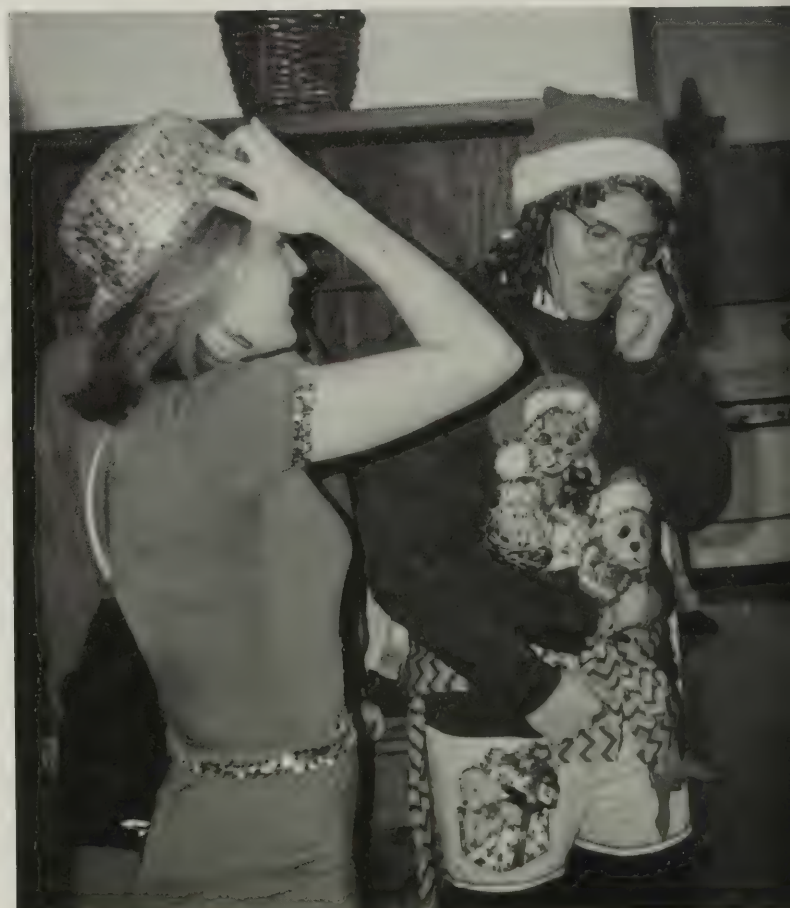
Mrs. Dot Little

"It was the last day of class before Christmas break, my friend and I were exchanging gifts in the back of auditorium. The professor got upset because we were

interrupting and asked if we would like to share what we were doing with the class. I got up and brought him the poster my friend gave me. The professor held it up and immediately gave it back when he realized that it said, 'Too much sex makes your eyes hazy.' Everyone laughed except Scott. He saw the whole thing happen and was embarrassed for me. After class he came up to me and expressed his condolences and then asked me out. I couldn't believe it. We are happily married now."

Mrs. Gail LaRue

In the home economics room, physics teacher Mr. Joe Garrity hides his face from senior Jaclyn Smith. SCA held Rent-An-Elf every year to raise money for Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters. Mr. Garrity's first period spent thirty dollars to make him their elf for a day. They made him dress up and go room to room caroling. "First hour got their money's worth from me. Thirty dollars was a small price to pay for the amount of embarrassment it caused me. Oh well, it was for a good cause," Mr. Garrity said.





Pointing at her students, chorus teacher Mrs. Dot Little models her tacky outfit while teaching class. Tacky day was one of the designated spirit days during Homecoming Week. "Anyone who knows me will realize that I wasn't embarrassed. I was having a great time. I think maybe I was an embarrassment to my students," Mrs. Little said.

During the faculty Christmas party, PE teacher Mr. George Yeager struts by Santa Claus while performing a skit. The skit was done to the song "My Guy." During the line "No muscle bound man can take me away from my guy" Mr. Yeager swaggered across the room while the others shook their heads no.



Dr. Robert Baker AP Amer. Hist.; World Geo.; Dept. Chair; Varsity Club
Mrs. Paula Bennett Art I, II, III, IV; Pot. & Crafts; NHS; Senior Class
Mr. Don Bock Principal
Mr. Todd Bowden Basic Alg.; Consumer Math; AIM I; Varsity Boys' Basketball; JV Softball; JV Girls' Basketball
Mrs. Susan Britt Spanish I; French I, IV, V; Junior Class
Mrs. Betty Duty Bookkeeper

Mrs. Bonnie Fay AP English 12; Creative Writing; English 12; Literary Magazine; Eng. Dept. Chair
Mr. Tom Fay Dept. Chair; Spanish III, IV, V; Academic Challenge
Mr. John Forrest English 9; English 12; Freshman Class; Asst. Track
Mr. Kip Flynn ISS
Mrs. Barbara Freeman Dept. Chair; Trig. Intro Cal.; AP Calculus
Mrs. Joyce Gaines Earth Science

Mr. Joe Garrity Physics; Earth Science; Chess Club; Science Club; Asst. JV Football; Asst. Track
Mrs. Debbie Goddin English 10; Sophomore Class
Mrs. Nancy Gore AP Calculus; Calculus; AIM II; Algebra II; Debate; VA Math League; SAT Workshop
Mrs. Candis Griffin Dev. Reading; College Reading
Mrs. Paula Hayes Computer Clerk (guidance)
Mr. Bill Hoggard Instr. Tech Specialist

Mr. Gregory Hopkins U.S. & VA History
Mrs. Denise Junghans World Geography; SADD
Mr. John Kain PE 9, 10; Health 9; Driver's Ed.
Mrs. Sandy Katz English 11; Speech I, II; Forensics
Mr. Fred Kimsey CO-OP Tech I, II; VICA
Mrs. Janet Knight Geometry

Did You Know ?

♦ Mrs. Becky Morrison has known her husband ever since she was four years old. They were next door neighbors. He use to beat her up as a kid.

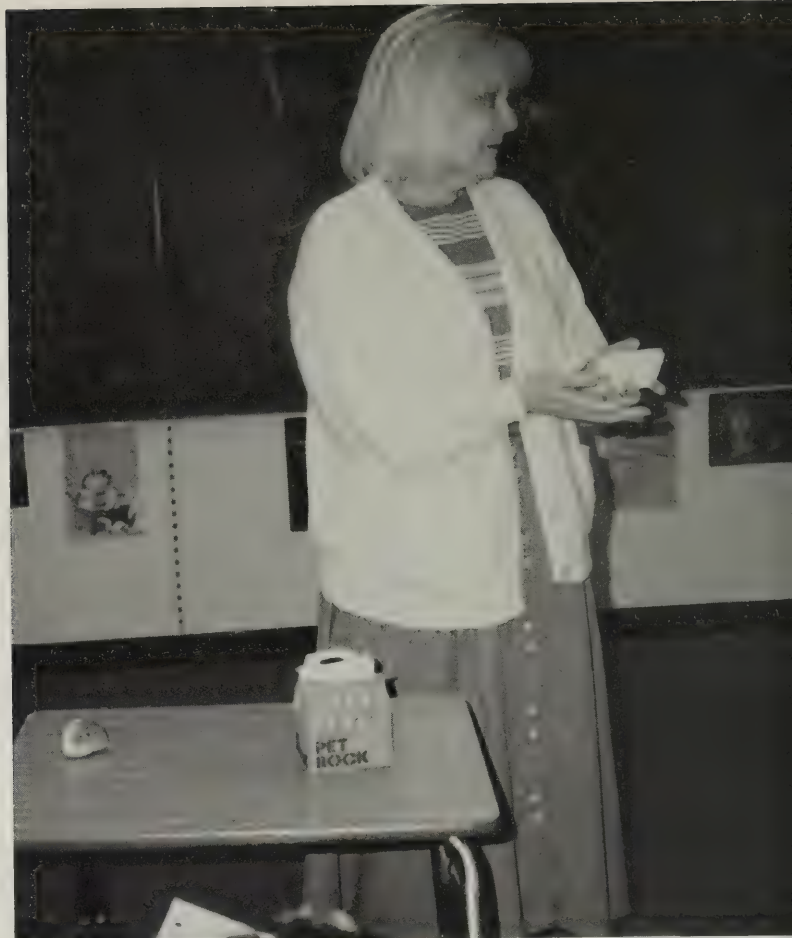
♦ During college years Mrs. Joan Wynn worked in the Mt. Olive Pickle Company Lab as a technician testing pickles for brine, yeast, and color.

♦ Mr. Bernie Wright enjoys riding tractors on a farm. He goes to Buckingham County almost every weekend and during the summer. It reduces his stress.

♦ Mr. Doug Spruill had his first child, a boy, last year in January.

♦ Mr. Greg Hopkins placed third in a chess tournament in Montgomery, Alabama. One match he played lasted for seven and a half hours, which he ended up winning.

When asked if she had a pet, Mrs. Barbara Freeman told her class of her pet rock, Petosky. She discussed with her fourth hour class how to care for and train a pet rock, as she shows the class its box and instruction book. "We have taught it to stay, to sit, to heel, to roll over, and to play dead," Mrs. Freeman said.



Faithful Friends

After a difficult day at work, pets provide comfort, companionship, exercise, fun, relaxation to stressed faculty members

"Lexus is my miniature snauzer. She is sister to the LaRues' dog and an aunt to Mrs. Knight's dog. My husband named her Lexus becuase he thought she should have a snobby name. She sleeps in my bed. I bought her snow boots for the winter. My house is full of dog toys. When I have children, she's going to be upset because I devote all my attention to her now."

Mrs. Becky Morrison

"We are being held hostage by our new puppy. The amount of misery that our new Golden Retriever has brought us is just incredible. Let her out or she will mess on

the floor, pick up everything in sight or she will eat it, give her attention or she will bark and cry. The responsibility is tremendous. But when I see the joy she gives our two sons, I know it is all well worth it."

Mr. Joe Garrity

"There is nothing better after a stressful day than a warm purring cat curled up in your lap. I started off catsitting for a friend. I never planned on getting a cat. It turned out that they were gone so often that they just gave me the cat to keep. I had absolutely no idea what I was getting into."

Ms. Helen Small



Mr. John Kohrieser Basic Algebra; Geometry; AIM I
 Mr. Scott LaRue Bio.; Earth Sci.; Ocean./ Ecology
 Mrs. Sandra Lawson Secretary
 Mrs. Mary Beth Leavitt Biochem. I; Adv. Chemistry; Org. Chemistry
 Ms. Terra LeVan Resource; Cross Country; Track
 Mrs. Dot Little Mixed Chorus; Jazz Chorus; Acappella Chorus; Swing Choir

Mrs. Jeanne Martin Algebra II; Math Analysis
 Mrs. Judy McCormick Assistant Principal
 Mr. Phil Miller Custodian
 Mrs. Becky Morrison US/VA History; Per. Law; History; Asst. Softball; FCA; Junior Class
 Mrs. Ginny Napier Dept. Chair; Guidance Counselor
 Mr. Dave Nelson Athletic Director; US/VA Gov.

Mr. Torbjorn Ommundsen Power/Trans.; Energy/Power; Mat/Pro. I,II,III; TSA; ITEA
 Mrs. Katherine Ozment Biology; Bio./Chem.; Academic Chemistry
 Mrs. Sharon Pauls Health 9; Drivers Ed.; Dept. Chair
 Mrs. Elizabeth Pirtle Keybrd/Acct./COE; FBIA
 Mr. Mark Rappatone Head Trainer
 Mrs. Barbara Rich Resource; Dept. Chair; Key Club

Mrs. Nancy Rowley Spanish I, II; Key Club
 Mr. Bill Ruff Lifetime Sports/Fitness; PE/Health 9; Wrestling
 Mrs. Deborah Singleton Nurse; OM
 Mrs. Helen Small French II,III; German I,II,III,IV; International Club
 Mr. Ed Spain Arch. Draw; Mat/Pro I,II; Ba. Tech. Draw.; Golf; TSA; ITEA; Softball
 Mr. Doug Spruill Wind Ensemble; Percussion; Flute/Clarinet; Sax/Horn; Upper Brass



On her back porch, history teacher Mrs. Becky Morrison plays with her dog. "Lexus loves to play with everything. Her favorite toy is her snake. She drags it all around the house," Mrs. Morrison said.

In his family room, English teacher Mr. Mark VanDervort watches TV with his cat Snickers. "As soon as I get out the blanket Snickers crawls on my lap and stays there until it is time to go to bed," Mr. VanDervort said.

Did You Know ?

♦ Mr. Joe Garrity used to be in his own band during high school. He was the drummer.

♦ English was not Ms. Helen Small's first language. She was born in Kessel, Germany, and moved to the United States at the age of two. She moved back and forth between the countries throughout her childhood.

♦ Mrs. Brenda Winstead played in an exhibition tennis match against Bobby Riggs who was handicapped by carrying a chair around the court.

♦ Mr. Mark Rappatone (Ford) was born 50% deaf.

♦ Mr. Billy Ruff used to own a restaurant called the Black Eyed Pea.

♦ Mrs. Rosie Walsh once rode a camel in Morocco while she was pregnant.

♦ Mr. George Yeager lived in Italy in fifth, sixth, and seventh grade.

Creative Clothing

Taste in clothing distinguishes faculty from one another. Wardrobes express sense of style, creativity, personality

"I suppose attending a Catholic school for eight years where I was required to wear a uniform (blue jumper, white blouse, blue bow tie, and blue beanie) affected the clothes I later chose to wear. I couldn't wait to get out and wear colorful and different clothes. Ever since I started teaching, I've worn outfits that go with the occasion. I try to dress up during Homecoming week and also match the decorations I put up in my classroom. Who says school has to be dreary?"

Mrs. Jeanne Martin

*K*nown for her style, English teacher Mrs. Debbe Goddin lectures to her class as she wears a colorful outfit. She makes her own matching earrings to coordinate with her outfits.

"I think image is important and if you can project a positive image and afford it, then do it. Also, I think there is a connection between how you look and how you feel. Most of what I buy is on sale. I never pay full price."

Mr. Mark VanDervort

"I always wear my cowboy boots even though everybody makes fun of them. When I was in college, cowboy boots were the style. I'm kind of used to wearing them now. Besides, my fiance thinks they are cute."

Mr. Mark Rappatone





While the band performs for the pep rally, band director Mr. Doug Spruill sports a Poquoson High School band shirt. "Since the students have to wear uniforms, I figure it's only fair that I wear some type of uniform too," Mr. Spruill said.

Although seen around school wearing skirts and slacks, faculty, like students, dressed down for the weekends. Math teachers Mrs. Janet Knight and Mrs. Jeanne Martin watch the football game with their families.



Mr. Craig Stallings World History; US/VA Government
Mrs. Mary Stallings Media Specialist
Mrs. Dale Stoldorf Spanish I,II; PTA Board Teacher Liaison
Mrs. Bessie Stone Special Ed. Aide
Mrs. Judy Sullivan Guidance Secretary
Mrs. Allison Sutton Guidance Counselor; SCA Advisor

Ms. Anne Sutton Bio/Chem I; Chem.; NHS
Mrs. Gretchen Sweat Resource; Junior Class
Mrs. Lorraine Taylor Special Ed. Aide
Mrs. Judy Topping Library Aide
Mrs. Dotti VanDervort English 11; Yearbook
Mr. Mark VanDervort Journalism I,II,III; AP English 11; ICC; Tennis; Newspaper; Activities Director

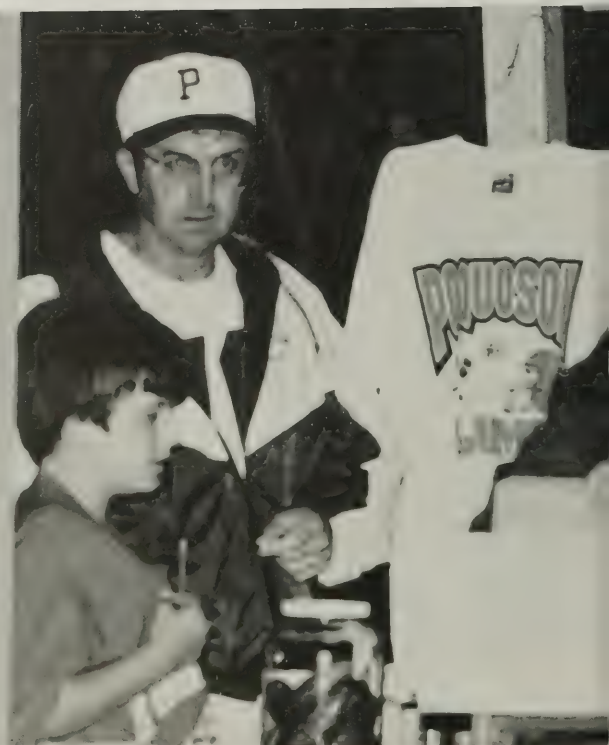
Mr. Glenn Vogelien English 10,12
Mrs. Rosalie Walsh Guidance Counselor; NHS
Mrs. Brenda Winstead Voc. Ed.; Keyboard; Comp. Inf/COE
Mr. Bernie Wright Assistant Principal
Mr. George Yeager PE/Health 9,10; Baseball
Mrs. Joan Wynn LMS I,II; Family Management; Food/Childhood Development; Dept. Chair; FHA

Mrs. Carol Zak Psychology; AP Government; US/VA Government



Parents often went to sporting events to watch their children play. Mrs. Darlene Leeson blocks the sun as she watches her daughter Christine play field hockey. Parents often took time off work or didn't make plans when their child was playing a game.

At halftime, English teacher Mr. John Forrest and his son John get a snack at the concession stand. Because football games were on Friday nights, they were always a good way to start off the weekend. Teachers, students, parents, and friends went to watch the Islanders play.





Before a volleyball game at Franklin, junior Danielle Kukich gets her ankle taped by Mrs. Babara Marlowe. Athletic trainers, parents and coaches prepared injured athletes so they could play with less pain.

Town Square

Community displays uniqueness, support for school

It's small. Everybody knows everybody. It has little crime. It could be none other than our community.

Sports events received encouragement and interest from the community. "When we went to state in softball, the community was really supportive. Whenever there was a game, the bleachers were packed," junior Rikki Stetson said.

Students had mixed feelings about the small town atmosphere. "There are negative sides to it being small, but a positive side of it being small is that you know everybody and there aren't a lot of strangers. It's also pretty low key and I like that," senior DeWayne Rick said.

The community was very rare and unique. Although it had only one traffic light, a Kid's Island, a Bubba's Family Restaurant, and a Mr. C's Pizza, one thing it didn't have was a **Town Square**.

Mike



A son like you is one of the best things that could happen to a parent. You bring a lot of happiness and pride just by being you. We love you and wish you the best in everything you do.

Mom, Dad, Lori, and Molly



Mike French

Tough and Goodlooking as Ever

**Congratulations &
Semper Fi**

**Dad, Mom, Becky, Elizabeth,
Patrick, & Sarah**



You must have been a
beautiful baby,

REMLE

*Follow your dreams but never forget your roots.
We wish you all the love, luck, laughter, and
success in the world. May God always bless your
life as richly as you have blessed ours. We will
miss you.*

*Love,
Mom, Dad, Jamey, Natalie, & Wayne*



'cause baby just
look at you now.



Jason,

**May you never lose
your zest for life!
We love you and are
very proud of you.**

**Mom, Dad, Steve,
David, Poppa Cros,
Tittie and Momo - -
Poppo too!**



Live your dreams!



Melissa and Jennifer



*Just as you have been there
for each other, know that
your family will always be
here for you. We are behind
you in whatever you do, all
the way. We're so proud of
you both.*



*Love,
Mom, Dad, & Taylor*

*Love,
Mom, Dad, & Joy*



N. C. State



Sylvia & Kristin

VA Tech



Congratulations and
Good Luck at N.C.&U.

Love,

Mom, Dad, Skippy, Daniel,
Franny, Abby, and Emmie



Congratulations and
Good Luck. Be good
next year at Tech.

Love,

Mom, Dad, Jake, and
Chloe

PRESTON



P-FUNK



*FRIENDS TOGETHER
HOMEBOYS FOREVER*

DREW



DRU-DAWG



Congratulations Alicia

Love, Dad, Mom
and Bryan



CONGRATULATIONS RYAN!!

LOVE ALWAYS,
MOM AND DAD



TO OUR BABY

We've always loved you so because, while endings are generally sad, you are such a joy. You readily accepted the milk-stained bibs, the broken toys, and the baby book with nothing written in it. You are the one we held onto so tightly. You are the link with our past, a reason for tomorrow. You quicken our steps, square our shoulders, restore our vision, and give us a sense of humor that security, maturity and durability can't provide. When your hair turns gray and your own children tower over you, you will still be OUR BABY. We are all so proud of you, Sarah. Congratulations! Gotta love ya! Mom & Dad, John, Collen, Eoin, Brighid, Liz, Myron, Kelsie, Laura, Ashley, Patti, David, D.J., and of course Donovan.





*Angela,
As you meet the
next hurdle keep in
mind those who love
you.*

Mom and Dad



*Friendship sees more, but
is also willing to see less.
Friendship is giving,
expecting nothing in
return.*

*Angela, we can never
afford not to be friends.*

*"A friend loveth at all
times."*

Proverbs 17:17



*You once called me a milestone.
I call myself a speed bump.
Milestones, are passed at warp speed
and possibly never seen again,
Speed bumps, however, just cannot
seem to be avoided, and must be
taken at a very slow speed. They're
everywhere!!!! You just don't know
when or where you might come
across a speed bump, but the
possibility is always looming close
by. We have passed many mile-
stones, which we well never see
again, Leanne. But the speed
bumps keep getting bigger. We have
sped past too many milestones for
our age, Leanne, so I hope that you
will always look for that 5'10" speed
bump, and take it nice and slow.
Because I will never, never, be a
milestone in your life. I'll miss you.*



Leanne,

*Our hearts are filled with love and
pride as we reflect upon all you have
and will accomplish.*

*"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart;
and lean not unto thine own under-
standing. In all thy ways acknowledge
him, and he shall direct thy paths."*

Proverbs 3:5-6

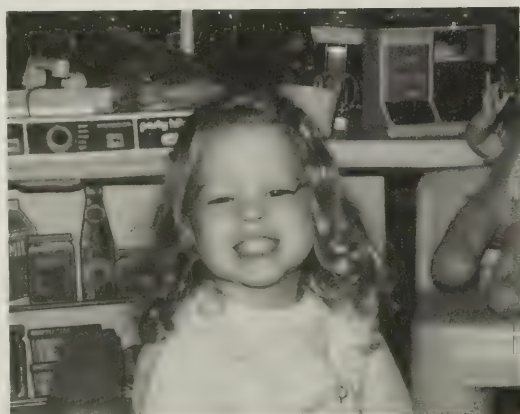
*Love, Dad, Mom, Carolyn,
& Stephen*



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*S
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Before you even say hello
Here's how we could agree
You do what pleases you
And I do what pleases me
May such friendship never end
Our cup be full and deep
May our voices always blend
in our own harmonies



*Love,
Your
Families*



CONGRATULATIONS

Aaron
Josh
Ryan
J.M.
Mike
Mark A.
Albert
Jesse
Donnie



Anthony
Sarah
Heather
Camm
Jason
Kevin
Dave
Mark P.
Marco
Tim



GOOD
LUCK AT
JMU!



J.M.

May the road be smooth before
you,
May the wind be always at your
back,
and may good fortune follow
wherever you may roam.

LOVE,

Mom, Dad, Shannon, and
Brett

C
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G
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S



Melissa,

*As you go through
life, take time to be
amazed by simple
things. We love you!
Mom, Dad, & Chad*



Suzi,

*You are loved so much,
because you are so
special. You are the apple
of my eye and the light of
my life. We are very
proud of you for being
you.*

*Love,
Mom, Neil, & Brian*



Sunny,

**"For I know the plans I have for you,
declares the Lord, plans to prosper
you and not to harm you, plans to give
you hope and a future." Jeremiah
29:11**

**We love you,
Mom, Scott, Chris, Tyler,
Glenn, & Brian**



*Jessica,
You stole
our hearts
from the
moment you
were born.
We are so
proud of all
you have
accomplished
& all that
you remain
to
accomplish.*

*Congratulations &
good luck in
college.*

*We Love You,
Mom, Dad, Jeff,
Grammie,
Grandpa, Pat-Pat,
& all your Aunts,
Uncles, Cousins,
Nieces & Nephews*

*The good stars met in
your horoscope, made
you of spirit, fire and dew.
--Robert Browning*



ANGIE



What did she do with the money for singing lessons?

I'm very sophisticated for my age.

What If...

(Written about Angie at age nine)

What if the world really is flat? What if Tinker (the cat) is pregnant, can we keep them? What if it does rain, can I still play outside? What if we ask company to wait and come over next week, then can I spend the night with Me Maw?

Are these the questions of an aspiring scientist, politician, or Chief Executive Officer?

What if one day Angie is a great scientist and becomes famous for discovering a cure for the common cold? The world would be forever indebted to her.

What if Angie becomes the respected diplomat that finally convinces the world's many governments to unite under one flag in the name of peace? How could humanity ever thank her?

Or, what if Angie in some way revolutionizes the relationship between labor and industry, creating a cooperative and sharing environment that benefits both? We would be forever grateful.

We're proud of that little girl already and I'm sure she's not through making us proud. I guess in the meantime though, we better go over those spelling words one more time.



Hungry?



Her "Urkle" phase.

Your journey till now has been exciting... but nothing like what lies ahead.

GOOD LUCK KID!



GRETCHIEN

Thanks
for the fun.
It's been
great!
Love You,
Your
Family



CONGRATULATIONS JON & CODY!



With Best Wishes For A Great Future And With Lots Of Love!!
From Your Families



Christina,

We wish you humor and a twinkle in your eye. We wish you glory and the strength to bear its burdens. We wish you sunshine on your path and storms to season your journey. We wish you peace ... We wish you faith ... More we cannot wish you--except perhaps love--to make all the rest worthwhile.

--Robert A. Ward

*All our Love,
Mom, Dad, Rosanna and Grandpa*



CONGRATULATIONS, JASON AND CHRIS!



WE'RE
PROUD OF
YOU!

LOVE,
YOUR FAMILIES



Amy

*Hide not your talents; for
use they were made!
What's a sundial in the
shade?*

*Love, Mom, Dad and
Ruth Ann*



Congratulations April, Carmen, and Aimee



We love you and
pray that you will...
"Trust in the Lord
with all thine heart;
and lean not unto thine
own understanding. In
all thy ways acknowl-
edge him, and he shall
direct thy paths."

Proverbs 3: 5-6

We can but
imagine all
it took to
get it done.
The sacrifice
you made until
the prize, at
last, was won.
We share the
joy that you must
feel at having
seen it through.
Now share just
one more thing...
how very proud
we are of you.

--Dick Johnson



They are...
...the Houdini of
Circumstances,
... the Lucy of their generation,
...female Seinfelds,
...Poquoson's very own
Geraldo show,
They are like Angels that
teeter on the fence of good
and evil.
They are three wonderful
girls with hearts of gold.
I love you all very much.

Love,
Mama Rector

Peter A. Restituto



Peter,

We are blessed to have a son as wonderful as you. You have given us much happiness and joy through the years as we watched you grow into a responsible young man. We are very proud of



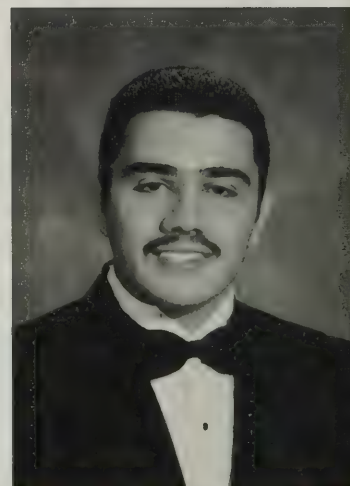
you. May God continue to bless you and watch over you.

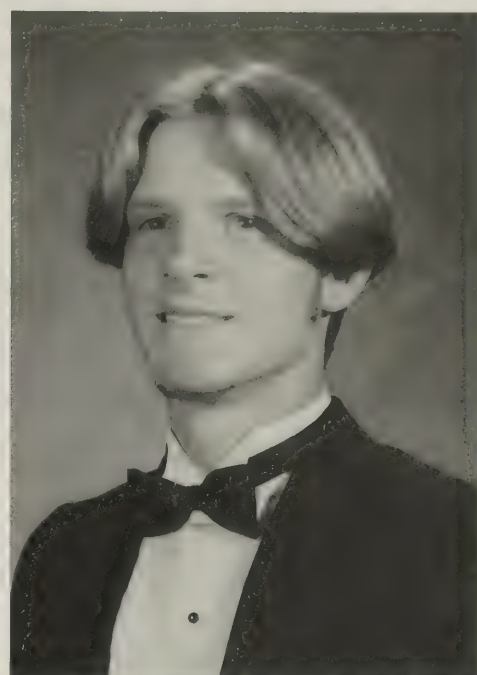
Congratulations and Good Luck!

We Love You,

Mom, Grandmother, &

Grandfather





Dan,

**We are very proud of you and want to
wish you all the best for your future.**

All our love,

Mom, Dad, Jason, Jennifer, Steven, & Kevin

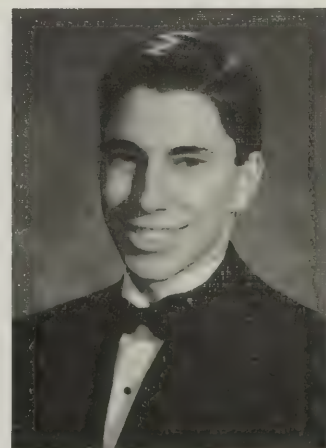


Chad,

*Your honor,
integrity, warmth,
compassion, & your
embraceable smile*

touched our lives.

*We wish you the
best as you share
those gifts with the
rest of the world.*



*We are so proud of
you!*

Love,

Mom & Dad



Amanda,

"Do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself..."

Matthew 6:34

"Run with endurance the race that is set before you fixing your eyes on Jesus..."

Hebrews 12:1-2

You have blessed our lives so richly.
May you always be blessed by God.

Love in Christ,
Mommy & Daddy



*Claire,
Is it too late to
have greatness
thrust upon me?*



*Much love,
Mummy, Daddy,
Katy & Peaches*



*Maura,
It was the best of
times...It was the
best of times!*

*Love,
Mom, Dad,
Kate, & Kyle*



"Friendship is a sheltering tree. The language of friendship is not in words, but meanings."

JESSE, WE ARE
PROUD OF YOU.
YOU HAVE GROWN
TO BE EVEN MORE
THAN WE COULD
HAVE HOPED FOR IN
A SON. WE LOVE
YOU. ISAIAH 43:1
PROVERB 3:1-8

Donnie

"The Lord himself
goes before you and
will be with you; he
will never leave or
forsake you. Do not
be afraid; do not be
discouraged." Duet.
31:8

Congratulations

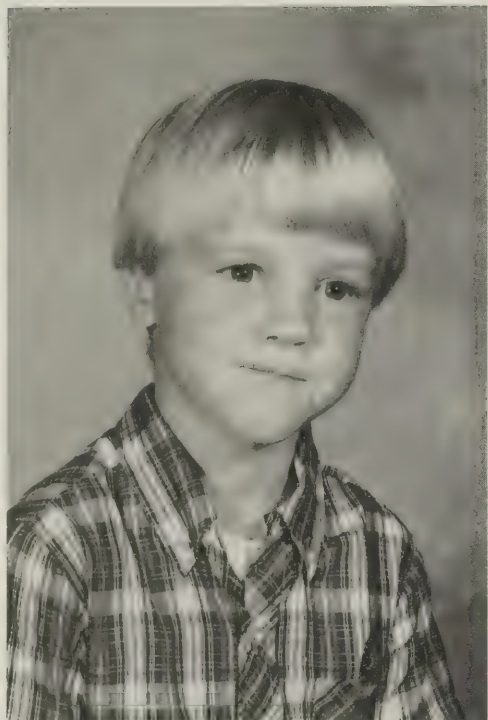
We love you

Dad, Mom, and Caroline

Jessica,
You have always
been the entertainment
and sunshine of our
lives.
Love,
Dad, Mom, and
Jason



Anthony Eugene Ashley, Jason Andrew Forrest, James Albert Bowden II



**May the Lord bless and keep you. We are proud
of you.
We love you.
Your Families**



*Jennifer -
You did
good!*



*Keep
Dancing.
We love you.
Mom & Dad*



Congratulations Stephanie!

When you wish upon a star,
Makes no difference who you
are.

Anything your heart desires
will come to you.

If your heart is in your dream,
No request is too extreme;
When you wish upon a star
as dreamers do.

Fate is kind.

She brings to those who
love,

Loves sweet fulfillment of
their secret longing.

Like a bolt out of the blue,
Fate steps in and sees you
through.

When you wish upon a star
Your dreams come true.



Ellie in Never Forget 1997, York
County School of the Arts



National Forensics Competition 1996

Break a leg

*From your loving mom and supporting
family.*



Annie Oakley in Annie Get Your Gun.
PHS 1995



Eunhye, our fine musician,

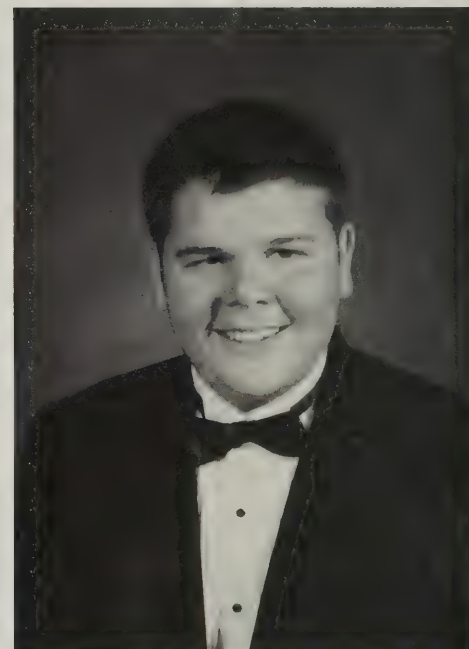
We are very proud of you. You are talented in so many various things. Even though you went through hard times in high school, skipping a year, luck will still follow you throughout your life. Good luck at UVA. God bless your future.

*Love,
Apa, Umma, Opa*



**Phillips Booker,
You have finally made
it, smiling all the way.
Are we ever so proud.
Go forth in peace.**

**Love,
Mom, Dad, Sisters 3,
Brothers-in-law 3, &
Nannie**

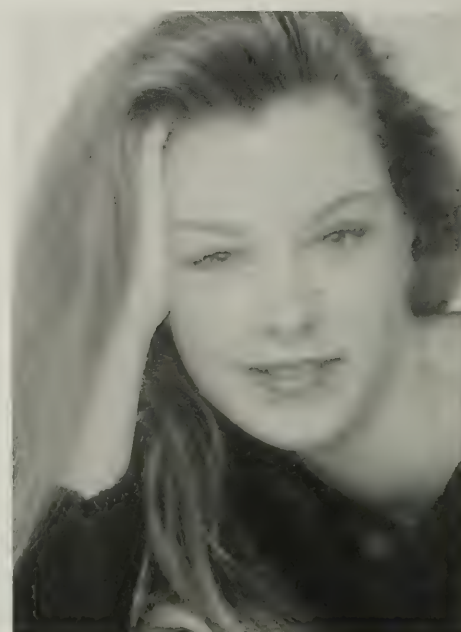


Ashley,

Always remember - "Success is never final, failure is never fatal!"

We are and have always been so very proud of the wonderful person you've grown into & we love you with all of our hearts. May your life be filled with as much happiness as you have brought into ours.

Mom & Dad



Gretchen Maura Emily Sarah Rachel



*These are the times
to remember
for they will not last
forever*

*These are the days
to hold onto
Because you won't
although you'll
want to*

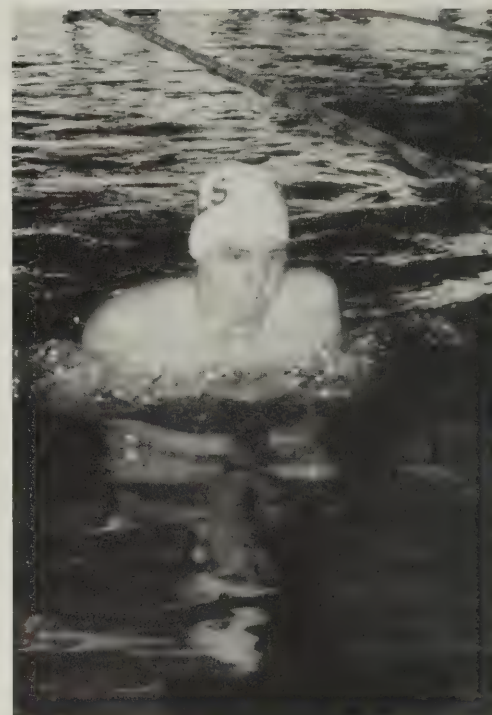
-Billy Joel





*Congratulations,
Jeffrey!*

*Whether you're Cross-
Country, or near by,
You'll always do Swimmingly.
Just remember to keep on
Track toward your goals.*



Oh what a joy and
Delight you have been for
us.

Understand that we
will always love
you!

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Bobby



Congratulations



Pee wee's First Driving Lesson!

Tracy

**We are proud
of you!
Good Luck in the
future.
Love,
Mom, Dad,
Travis & Granny**



Jaclyn S. Smith

*Cheerleading, swimming, SCA,
Holly Ball, toilet papering, Sadie
Hawkins, pep rallies, football &
basketball games, proms, Christmas
elves, papelitos, geomeTREE, Girls'
State, Truck deadlines,
homecomings, friendships...*



*These are high school memories you will always remember. Cher-
ish them as you have just completed a milestone in your life. Much
success as you continue on your journey. We are so proud of you and
all that you have accomplished. Fair winds and following seas
forever. Always remember that you will have a Little Help from
Your Friends and "If we can't all laugh, we will go insane."*

*Love,
Mom, Dad, & Allyson*

P.S. One day you will be the people your parents warned you about.



Becky, Brian, Colleen, Preston, Lindsay, Drew



*Friends never leave you
They're a two way street
They'll always believe in you
When you cease to believe
I will be the same
If you are a friend in need
Cause I'll always love you
Don't forget about me!*

*Congratulations Everyone
and
Good Luck at
Virginia Tech, JMU, USA,
VCU, ODU, CNU,
Duke & N.C. State*



Kristin, Chris, Sylvia, Jason, Katie

ANTHONY & SHANNON

*Thanks for the
Homecoming
memories!*

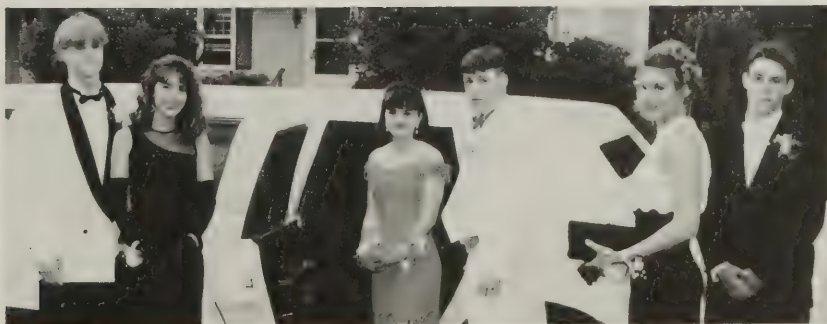
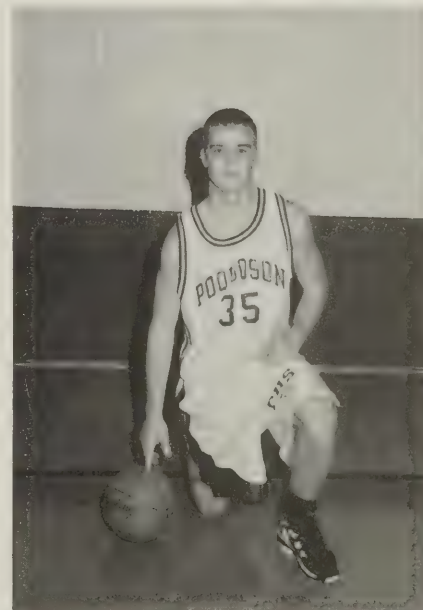
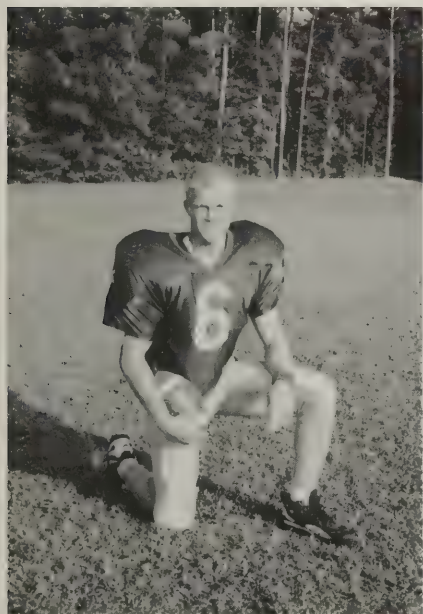


*Love,
Your Families*

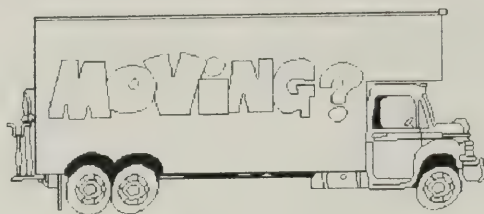


ANTHONY

YOU HAVE ALWAYS BEEN A
JOY AND A BLESSING. AS YOU
PUT YOUR HIGH SCHOOL DAYS
BEHIND YOU AND HEAD OFF
TO VMI, REMEMBER, YOU MAY
BE WHATEVER YOU RESOLVE
TO BE.
YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE.
MOM



Poquoson #1



Go Islanders!

Wherever life leads us...

The Extraordinary
Alan
(Andrew Shtulman)



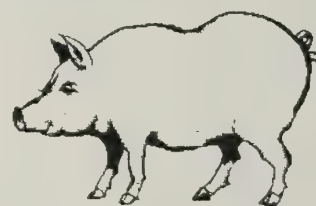
to the big city...



Manders
(Amanda
Robertson)

Gabby
(Gabrielle
Davis)

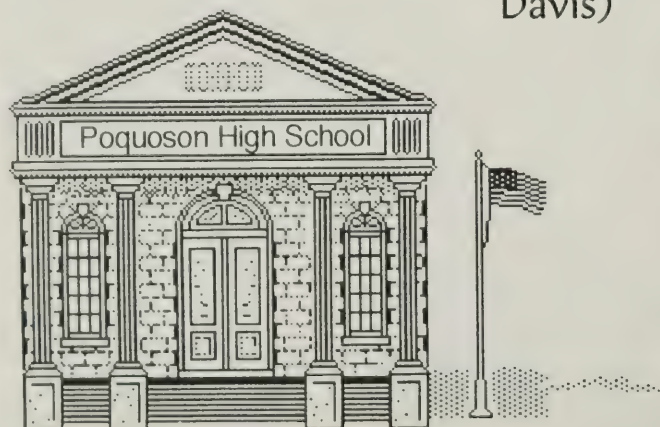
Bagel Boy
(John Lange)



or down on the farm...

PHI
(Karen
Feigh)

Cuban Mop
(Ryan Hall)



PHS Class of 97



our memories will last forever.

Congratulations Shannon!



You are a wonderful daughter. You have made us so proud of all you have accomplished.



As you step into the future, think positive, have Faith and God Bless You.

*Love,
Mom, Dad and Jonathan*



STACEY,

**You have only just begun.
Congratulations! We are very proud of you.**

**Love You,
Dad, Mom, Carrie,
William, Bum Bum
and Grandaddy.**



Jason,

Twinkie

The El Camino, the "Nickname," the stats, the mike, Mat Talk, the *Daily Press*, and much much more. The last 17 years have flown by. Always on the go, unlimited energy (sometimes too much!) never slowing down. You've been a blessing to us all and we know you will achieve your goals. What's next? E&PN! Only time will tell. Don't ever let up, don't hold yourself back. We all know that you will succeed. All the hard work will pay off. We love you and good luck at Old Dominion. Love, Mama, Kitty, Buster, Shiela, Abigale, and the cat.



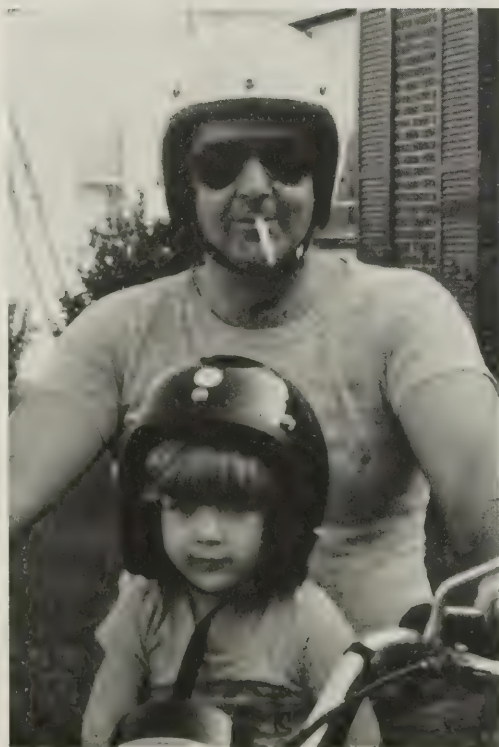
Simply Irresistible!



You always got the big ones!



I want a stat book and a microphone!



You've got two speeds - stop and wide-open!



Simply Irresistible!



You'll always be our state champion!

Daily Press - Washington Post - Wrestling - Mat Talk - Football Friday - on the radio - Baseball - 1999

Kristi,

Watching you grow to become the person you are is something we wouldn't have missed for anything in the world. You bring us warmth and joy through the caring, thoughtful qualities that make you who you are.

Take every opportunity to make yourself all that you can be, for the world is yours with open doors to all of your dreams. You can achieve anything you try. We are so proud of you.

*You're a very special person and a wonderful daughter.
Congratulations and Good Luck at ODU!*

We loved you then...



We love you now...



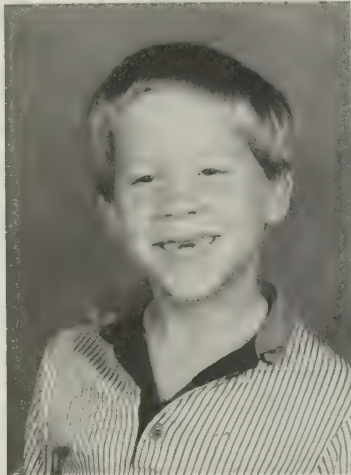
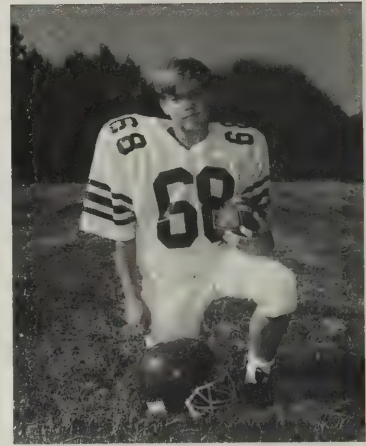
*We'll love you always!
Mommie, Dave, Kelly and Jamie*

Malcolm Moseley Matheson



Malcolm, you have grown into a wonderful young man with personal standards and character that will bring you respect and success as you grow into the next phases of life. Your family is proud of you and supports your new endeavors.

*Congratulations and Good Luck,
Dad*



Congratulations Valerie!

*Treasure your memories,
Reach for your dreams,
and always believe in yourself.*



*Our little "Scooter" had grown into a wonderful young woman.
You are very special.*

*With love and pride,
Mom, Dad, Ricky,
MeeMarw and Grandaddy*



Steven Ray Keesee



**It's not every mom
who is so blessed
with a special son as
wonderful as you.**

**You have been a
joy through the
years. It has been a
gift being your mom.**

**You have grown
into a wonderful
young man,
who has made
us all very
proud. All our
best wishes
and love are
with you!**



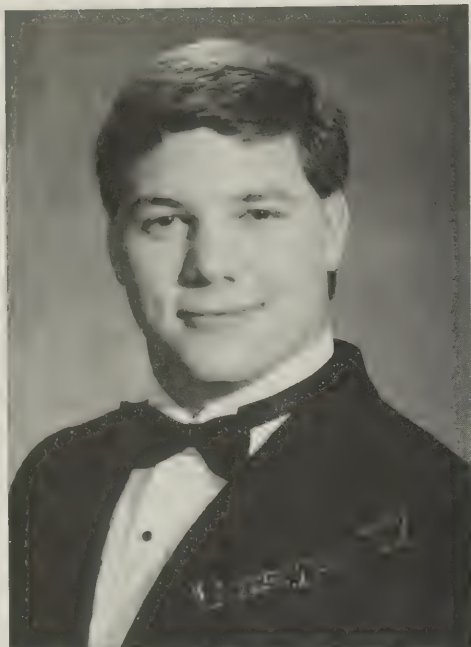
Congratulations

Steven!



Love,

**Mom, R.C.,
Emma, Taylor,
& Family**



DJ,

These are my wishes for your future:

In life, there will always be many paths to follow; I hope you always choose the right one....

My son, if you give a part of yourself to life, the part you receive back will be so much greater. Never regret the past, but learn by it. Never lose sight of your dreams; a person who can dream will always have hope. Believe in yourself; if you do, everyone else will. You have the ability to accomplish anything, but never do it at someone else's expense. If you go through life loving others, you will have achieved the greatest success of all.

I Am So Proud of You!

Love

Mom



Jennifer,

We have wonderful memories of the little girl you were and special pride in the person you've become.



With Love,

Mom, Dad, Eric,

Andrew, Shelli & Maggie



Emily,

Thanks for the memories.

We are very proud of you!

Good Luck! The best is yet to be!

Love,

Your family.





*Sarah,
A woman's
strength lies in
her heart.
Her beauty lies in
her soul.*



**Kevin,
Keep on surfing and
know that we are proud
of you!**

**Love, Mom, Dad, Marcus,
Leslie, and Thomas**

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Running, pushing, and shoving down the halls; trying to grab a Surge.
The students waited until they were allowed to leave their classes to go to the foyer to get a drink. All looked forward to the time when they were allowed to leave class. "The day took so long. When we could finally go get a Surge, everyone was running to the front of the school," senior Damien Bernache said.
All agreed that it was difficult to make it to the foyer. "It was a mad house. Everyone was pushing and shoving. But I ended up with seven drinks," sophomore Matthew Britt said.
The wild behavior was not necessary, others felt. "I think it was so stupid for everyone to push their way down the hall to get a Surge," junior Rachel Fithian said.
The drink also affected students outside of school. "I gave my brother the Surge I got at school, and he went so crazy my mom will not let him drink it anymore," senior Gabrielle Davis said.
Free Surge T-shirts were also offered. There had been rumors that everyone would receive a T-shirt, but there were not enough for everyone. "I went down early to get pictures for the newspaper, and I was lucky enough to get a T-shirt," senior Colleen Bresnan said. The shirts that were not given away on the day Surge came were later give to the winners of a raffle.
Even though students had to fight the crowd, they were more than willing to be pushed around a little to get their drink.

A Surge worker hands a drink to senior Jennifer Haczewski, as freshman Melissa Card looks on. After students were released from class, they had to fight crowds as they were pushed down the hall towards the foyer to get their free Surge drink. Jennifer, however, waited for the crowd to die down and then got her drink.



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This was the advice of Mayor Gordon Helsel on solving problems that arise within the city.

A graduate of Poquoson High School, Helsel said that while not as many extracurricular activities existed, he took the same classes and played sports just like a student would today. "Of course, I would be suspended for life if I did the things today I did back then," he said.

A life-changing event for Gordon Helsel was his brush with death in Vietnam. His platoon was ambushed, and doctors said his wounds would not allow him to live much longer. "Luckily, I got a second chance, and I have a different outlook on life. Once you go through an event like that, you start living life as you should," he said.

To anyone desiring to become an elected official, he said, "Get involved. Even if a problem seems trivial to you, it is major to someone else, and you must treat every problem with respect."

In his spare time, Mayor Helsel did physical fitness and yardwork. He enjoyed spending time with his family and watching his favorite movie, *Braveheart*, on videotape. "I am extremely grateful for the second chance at life that the Lord gave me and for my family. Without these two elements, I'd be nothing. My work is for the people of the community, and I am humbled by my election as mayor. People have put their trust in me, and I will not let them down," Mayor Helsel said.

Mayor Gordon Helsel was selected as Grand Marshal of the Homecoming Parade in honor of his contributions to the city. He waves to the crowd of onlookers who came to see the parade. "I am just tickled to receive this honor. I do not usually seek to be the center of attention, but being selected as Grand Marshal was wonderful," Helsel said.



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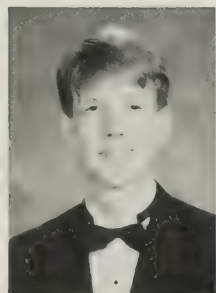
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
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group gathers to fellowship

Witness

During a meeting in the commons, FCA members played a relay game. They split into groups of six. The object was to be the first to give a facial and manicure to one of the teammates. Junior Emile Cochet examines his fingernails after his treatment is finished. The facial mixture consisted of peanut butter, vegetable oil and oatmeal.



Monday. The week has just started and there are five whole days until the weekend. What can possibly be good about Monday?

"Having FCA on Monday nights gives me something to look forward to. After a busy day at school it gives me a chance to relax and be with my friends," senior Todd Ploetner said.

Meetings gave students the opportunity to learn and meet new people while having fun. "We play crazy games and do Bible studies. It also gives us a chance to have fun with students from other schools in our area," junior Danielle Kukich.

"I think FCA has really been successful. It is a very good opportunity to meet new people and mingle in a casual atmosphere. The FCA Field Days were fun because we were with Tabb, York, Grafton, and a few other schools," senior Sunny Claussen said.

Activities did not only happen Monday nights. "The Sunday before Christmas, Mrs. Mattson had all the girl FCA members over to have a tea party. We exchanged gifts and talked," sophomore Caroline Todd said.

"In April we had a barbecue with Tabb. Our guest speaker was football player Steve Fitzhugh, who played for the Denver Broncos," junior Becky Marlowe said.

Other activities included helping out in the community. "Around Thanksgiving we had a scavenger hunt for food in Poquoson. By the end of the day we had a van full of food. We have also participated in canned food drives and donated to other charity organizations," freshman David Mattson said.

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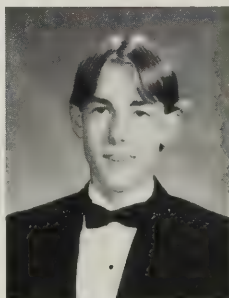
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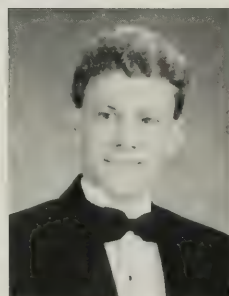
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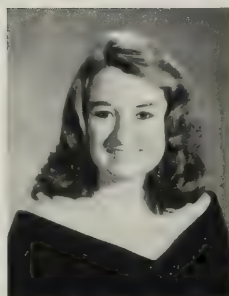
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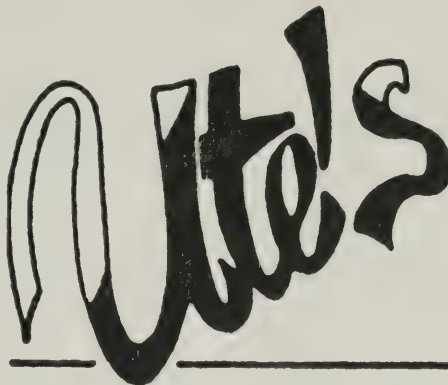
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Shoots

Wearing a wig, senior Jason Forrest shows his spirit at the student-faculty basketball game. A select number of male students dressed as girls and showed off their cheerleading talent for the crowd during the game. The cheerleaders were a favorite part of the game since they were a definite change from the normal female cheerleaders.



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The student-faculty basketball game was held on March 17. The proceeds made from it benefitted the After Prom. "Everybody was so enthusiastic that it made organizing it very easy. Mrs. Sledd and the whole PTA committee made it really easy as well," senior class president Karen Feigh said.

The game was a very popular event with students. "It was a great activity that provided entertainment for the students and faculty while raising money for the After Prom," senior Joe Flannery said.

The game gave faculty members a chance to interact with the students outside of the classroom. "I had a really good time playing in the game. I didn't know what I was doing, but we had Mr. Bowden on our team, so that's all that mattered," history teacher Mrs. Becky Morrison said.

The faculty won the game, 87-68. Much of the credit was given to math teacher Mr. Todd Bowden. "The only reason the faculty won was because of Bowden. He had half of their points," junior Dan McAdams said.

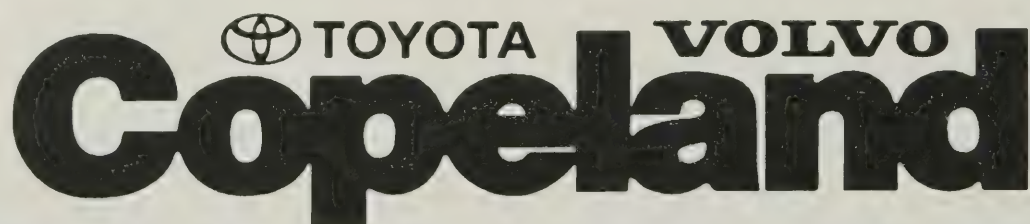
Instead of the normal female cheerleaders, there were male students who didn't mind exhibiting their cheering skills. "I thought it was very interesting to see cheerleaders who could cheer. It was a lot more fun since the cheerleaders were guys," junior Danielle Kukich said.

Even though the faculty won and there were male cheerleaders, the event was a success. It raised \$300 for the After Prom.

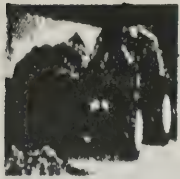


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A main reason students held jobs was to earn the money to buy the items they wanted. "I babysit after school to earn money because it is pretty easy and fulfills my love for kids. I use the money I make to buy clothes, and I always set some aside for college," senior Lauren Perdue said.

To obtain the jobs they desired, some students acquired extra skills through training programs. "To get extra cash, I am a lifeguard at the Four Seasons swimming pool. I had to take a very hard Red Cross Training course to become certified. It took a lot of endurance, but somehow I survived," junior Tara Starnier said.

Finding a job they loved inspired students to make decisions about future career paths. "I work part-time at Ritz Internationale. I take care of all the money and am in charge of ordering and stocking all of the inventory. I love my job, and it has made me want to pursue a career in business," senior Shannon Weisner said.

Holding a job gave students a positive feeling. "My job at Victory Child Development Center makes me feel so important because the kids look up to me and give me hugs. They are always happy to see me, and I am confident that I am making a difference in their lives," junior Tomma Winder said.

To get a little extra money for spending or to save for college, students got jobs. Dressed as a bagel, senior Jon Lange tries to attract customers to the Chesapeake Bagel Bakery.



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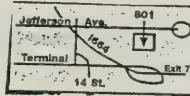
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"Talk of the Town," the 43rd volume of Poquoson High School's *Islander* was published by Josten's Publishing Company in Winston-Salem, North Carolina with a press run of 625 copies. The student cost for the *Islander* was \$35.

This 240 page annual has eight pages of color. The *Islander* has a lithos mat cover with gold foil stamping. Clubs, faculty, sports, senior, and underclassmen pictures were provided by Jostens photographers. Other special school events were also covered by Jostens.

All body copy and captions were set in Arial ten and eight point respectively. The headline styles included Lithos Regular in student life, Reporter two in sports, Hobo in academics, Gillsans Ultrabold in clubs, Biffo MT in seniors, Barmeno Extrabold in underclassmen, and Pepita Mt in faculty.

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hanging up the pay phone in the lobby, junior Nicole Knudsen finishes a conversation at the homecoming dance. "My friend was sick so I decided to call her and see how she was feeling. I felt

bad because she had to miss one of the best dances of the year and I knew that she was upset. She was happy that I called so everything worked out," Nicole said. It was unusual to see a student on the phone during the dance.

STOP TALKING

Three days of exams. Being stuck inside a building with no windows when it is hot and sunny outside.

Extreme fluctuating temperature in **the** classrooms. Students went through all these daily things just to make it to the long awaited day: June 13.

Students talked about their plans for the summer.

"Near the **end of school**, everyone **is** talking about their plans for summer. The last quarter seems so **slow** because you want to get out so bad," junior Ashley Lamberton said.

Prom was a big event that much of the town participated in. Teachers, students, and parents got together to put on "Everlasting Moments" and "As Time Goes By."

"I was really pleased with the outcome of Prom **and**

After Prom. I was really surprised that I received the honor of Prom King. Everyone in the school was talking about that," senior Phillips Booker said.

The end-of-the-year activities included Prom, NHS induction, and sports events. All of these events were

the **TALK OF THE TOWN**.

by **Beth Ann Thomas**

*End of
school
activities
provide
closure*

Talk of the Town



After the National Honor Society Induction, senior Brian Savage takes off his stole. At the end of the year NHS inducted new members. The inductees had their names printed in *The Poquoson Post, Island Echo*, received a letter from Mayor Gordon Helsel, and were the TALK OF THE TOWN.

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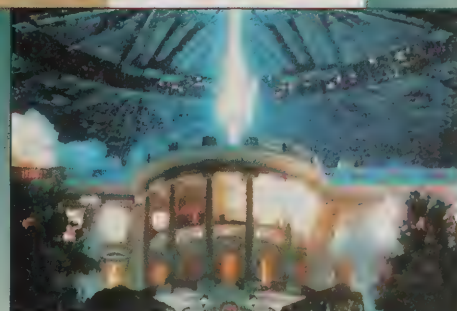
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flash

In November, a hijacked Ethiopian airliner crashes after running out of fuel. The crash occurs near a resort beach in the Comoros Islands in the Indian Ocean. At least 123 of the 175 people on board die, including the hijackers.

After 36 years, Central America's longest civil war ends when Indian rebels and military leftists sign a truce in Guatemala.

British Telecommunications agrees to purchase MCI Communications for up to \$21 billion in November. The deal is the biggest foreign purchase of a U.S. company ever concluded.

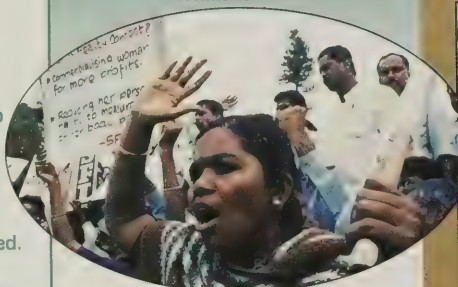
A U.N.-negotiated treaty banning chemical weapons worldwide is set to take effect in the spring. The treaty prohibits the development, production, stockpiling or use of chemical weapons, and calls for the destruction of existing supplies. The treaty is signed by 160 nations, including the U.S.



AP/Wide World

Alija Izetbegovic, leader of Bosnia's Muslim Party of Democratic Action, is elected chairman of the country's new three-person presidency in September. The election is held in accordance with provisions of the U.S.-brokered Dayton peace agreement.

AP/Wide World



The Miss World beauty pageant, held in Bangalore, India in November, raises a storm of protests, some violent, including one by a group threatening to stage a mass suicide during the pageant's telecast. A new Miss World is crowned without incident.



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King Hussein of Jordan (right) visits the West Bank of the Jordan River in October to show support for the Palestinian-Israeli peace talks and the establishment of an independent Palestinian state. It is Hussein's first visit since Jordan lost the territory to Israel in the 1967 Arab-Israeli War.

Demonstrators gather in Toronto, Canada on October 25 to protest cutbacks in social services by the Ontario government. Thousands of people march through the city during "Metro Day of Action," organized by labor and social activists.



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Russian President Boris Yeltsin wins reelection in July, despite persistent health problems. After successful heart surgery in November he returns to work.

A pipe bomb explodes in Centennial Olympic Park after the first day of competition at the Summer Olympics in Atlanta. Flags fly at half-mast to mourn the 1 person killed and more than 100 injured.



AP/Wide World



In a group so large it could be tracked by satellite, hundreds of thousands of refugees abandon camps in Zaire in November and begin a journey home to Rwanda, which they had fled to escape a civil war. Closing of the camps forces the refugees to flee.

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Mass graves containing the bodies of Muslims, allegedly murdered by Serbs in 1992 during the Bosnian civil war, are excavated in Bosnia-Herzegovina throughout the year as a shaky peace negotiated in 1995 continues.

AP/Wide World



Agence France-Presse

On July 17, Trans World Airlines Flight 800 exploded 13,700 feet above the Atlantic Ocean, killing all 230 passengers and crew members. The Boeing 747-100 was en route to Paris from New York. The cause of the explosion remains a mystery.

Anti-American Saudi terrorists are blamed for a truck bomb that kills 19 U.S. service people on June 25 in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. Mourners grieve at a memorial service held in Khobar, Saudi Arabia.



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More than 300 Tutsi refugees in the African country of Burundi are slain by Hutus, a rival ethnic group. The covered bodies, mostly women and children, illustrate the ferocity of the conflict.



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Israeli right-wing leader Benjamin Netanyahu wins the May 1996 election for Prime Minister, defeating Prime Minister Shimon Peres, whom many Israelis think is making too many concessions to Israel's Arab neighbors.

Prince Charles, heir to the British throne, and Diana, Princess of Wales, are divorced on August 28. According to one observer, "The most spectacularly miserable marriage of the century is over."



Tim Graham, Sygma

A lone gunman kills 16 kindergartners, their teacher, and then himself, at a Dunblane, Scotland school in March 1996. A month after the tragedy, officials tear down the school gymnasium in which the shootings occurred.

Tim Graham, Sygma



WORLD

NATIONAL

flash

The U.S. Army issues strict new policies for drill instructors and female trainees, as hundreds of complaints of sexual harassment are revealed in November. Drill instructors are now required to leave their doors open if a female is inside, and women must travel in pairs.

After thousands of veterans complain of illnesses since the 1991 Persian Gulf War, the Pentagon warns they may have been exposed to chemical weapons. The Pentagon reveals that up to two tons of sarin nerve gas may have been released.

Six-year-old beauty pageant queen JonBenet Ramsey is found murdered in the basement of her parents' Colorado home the day after Christmas. Her death raises a nationwide awareness of controversial youth beauty pageants.

Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich (R-Georgia) is fined \$300,000 in a bi-partisan vote after the House Ethics Committee's year-long investigation into alleged financial improprieties.

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Former U.N. ambassador Madeleine Albright is nominated for Secretary of State by President Clinton on December 5. Confirmed in office in January 1997, Albright is the first woman to head the State Department.

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Seven-year-old pilot Jessica Dubroff is killed when her Cessna airplane crashes shortly after take-off in bad weather from the Cheyenne, Wyoming airport. Her flying instructor and her father, the plane's two passengers, are also killed in the April 1996 crash.



Theodore Kaczynski, alleged to be the "Unabomber," who killed 3 people and wounded more than 20 others with mail bombs since 1978, is arrested in Montana in April 1996. Information provided by Kaczynski's brother leads to the arrest.



Robert Allison, Contact Press Images



Binti Jua, a gorilla at Chicago's Brookfield Zoo, becomes a hero when she rescues a 3-year-old boy knocked unconscious after falling 18 feet into the ape enclosure. The boy suffers brain contusions but soon recovers.



Arson against African American churches, mostly in the South, is a serious problem in 1996, as hundreds of churches are burned down. Residents of Portland, Oregon, survey the damage inside a church after a June fire.



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One of the longest armed stand-offs in U.S. history occurs outside Jordan, Montana between the FBI and members of an anti-government group calling itself the Freemen. The 81-day siege ends peacefully in June.



On August 11, a boater rescues 10-year-old Taylor Touchstone from the snake- and alligator-infested waters of a Florida swamp 14 miles away from where he disappeared August 7. Although exhausted and badly scratched, the autistic boy recovers fully.




AP/Wide World


Derek Pruitt, Gamma/Liaison



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 William Jefferson Clinton defeats Republican Bob Dole and Independent H. Ross Perot to become the 42nd president of the U.S. and the last president of the 20th century. Clinton is the first Democrat since Franklin Roosevelt to be reelected to a second term.




 A civil jury finds former football star O.J. Simpson liable for the June 12, 1994 wrongful deaths of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ronald Goldman. In a unanimous verdict, the jury awards \$8.5 million in compensatory damages to Goldman's parents. The Brown and Goldman families are each awarded \$12.5 million in punitive damages.




AP/Wide World

 Days of abnormally heavy rains in November undermine the roadbed of Oregon's Interstate 5, creating a 40-foot-deep sinkhole, into which two semitrailer trucks tumble.

 The Citadel, South Carolina's traditionally all-male military academy, admits four women, including Petra Loventinska (left) and Jeanie Montavlos. Montavlos and another female cadet later drop out, citing harassment and "sadistic" hazing.




AP/Wide World

 Topsail Beach, a town on an island off the coast of North Carolina, is one of many Eastern locations hit hard by Hurricane Bertha in July. Six powerful hurricanes, all with winds over 110 miles per hour, made 1996 a near-record year doing \$3.5 billion in damage in the U.S.




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 Nationwide, forest fires blacken more than twice the acreage lost to fires in an average year. California, Montana and Oregon are particularly hard hit.



Kurt Miller, The Press-Enterprise


 All 110 people aboard a ValuJet DC-9 are killed in May 1996 when a fire breaks out in the cargo hold. The plane, en route from Miami to Atlanta, crashes and disappears almost completely into the Florida Everglades, making it difficult for workers to retrieve wreckage.




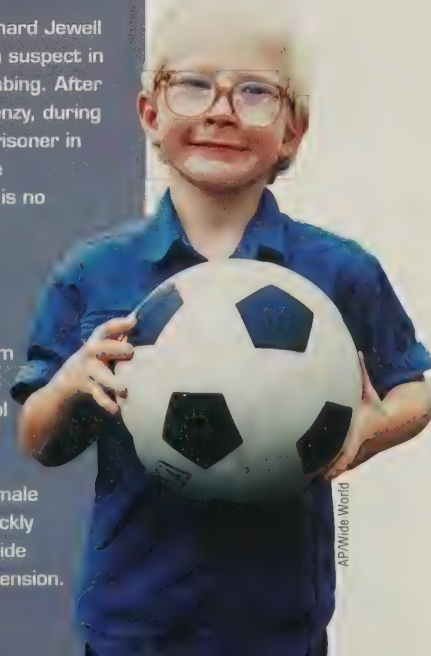
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Schwarz, Gamma/Liaison

 Security guard Richard Jewell is investigated as a suspect in the July Olympic Park bombing. After three months of media frenzy, during which Jewell is a virtual prisoner in his home, the U.S. Justice Department admits there is no evidence against him.

 Six-year-old first-grader Johnathan Prevette is suspended from his Lexington, North Carolina elementary school for violating the city schools' sexual conduct guidelines—he kissed a female classmate. Prevette is quickly reinstated after a nationwide controversy over the suspension.



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NATIONAL

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flash

A 9,300-year-old skeleton discovered in July near Richland, Washington is the oldest and most intact set of human bones ever discovered in North America. Research is suspended, however, as the tribes from the Native American grounds where it is found claim the skeleton as an ancestor and want the bones buried.

Trauma Seal, a new medical adhesive that is applied like a lip-balm stick, is in clinical trials at 10 hospitals and health care institutions nationwide. The biodegradable adhesive could eliminate stitches and return visits.

New York Police Department canines begin wearing three-pound, infrared cameras, scouting out potentially dangerous areas before police officers enter the scene. Handlers are developing bullet-proof vests for the dogs to wear.

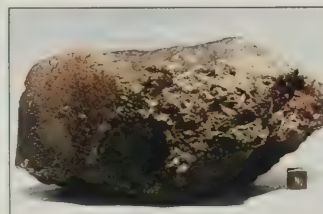
A new category of animal is discovered in the form of bacteria that live on the lips of lobsters. *Symbion pandora*, which lives on food scraps from lobster lips, is called "the zoological highlight of the decade."



Videogame giant Nintendo releases its long-awaited Nintendo 64, a new hardware system that draws players into the game and moves three times faster than any existing system.



An expedition to raise the *Titanic*, the legendary "unsinkable" ocean liner that sank on its maiden voyage in 1912, from its North Atlantic grave more than two miles deep, ends in failure in August due to rough seas.



In August, scientists discover evidence of bacteria-like life on a meteorite found in 1984 and believed to be part of the crust of Mars 4.5 billion years ago. It is the first possible proof that life is not unique to Earth.



NASA



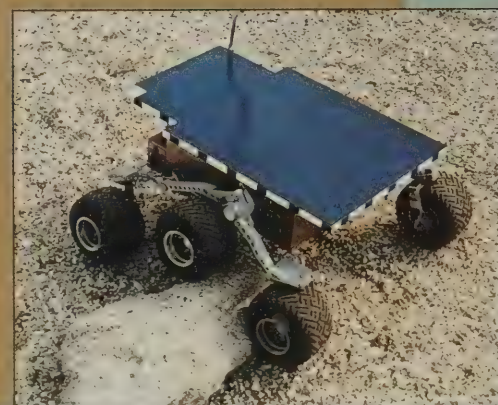
American astronaut Shannon Lucid (right) spends 188 days in space, breaking American space endurance records after joining the crew of the Russian space station *Mir*.



Egyptians begin work to preserve the Great Sphinx from the ravages of wind, pollution and time. The 4,500-year-old statue is located in Giza near the giant pyramids.



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NASA



The Mars Surveyor Trolley, named Sojourner, is carried on-board *Mars Pathfinder*, an unmanned spacecraft launched in December. Sojourner, a free-roving probe the size of a child's wagon, will photograph the Martian surface and determine the composition of rocks on Mars.



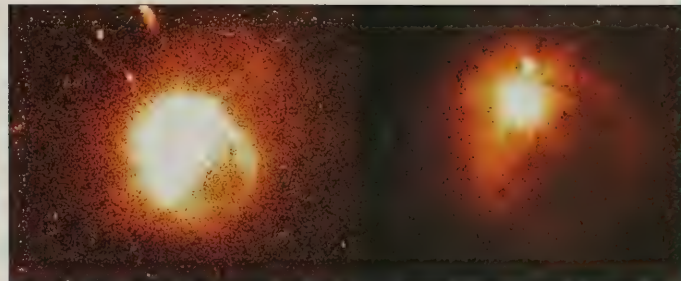
Satellite dishes become one of the year's hottest-selling electronic consumer products. Owners find the savings of not paying for cable services cover the cost within a few months.





Echostar Communications Corp.



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 California's Monterey Bay Aquarium opens a new wing in March 1996. The million-gallon indoor ocean showcases the marine life of the outer reaches of Monterey Bay, 5 to 60 miles offshore.


 The Hubble Space Telescope captures new images of quasars, the universe's most powerful and baffling phenomena. Previously thought only to exist in colliding galaxies, new pictures indicate quasars can also exist in undisturbed galaxies—causing astronomers to revisit their theories.



AP/Wide World





 Steam and ash from Iceland's Laki volcano blast 33,000 feet in the air on October 9. Molten rock from the volcano's 5-mile-wide fissure melts through more than 2,000 feet of glacial ice, threatening the island with widespread flooding.

 An "oxygen bar" in Toronto, Canada allows patrons to pay \$16 to spend 20 minutes breathing pure oxygen. The owners of the O₂ Spa Bar claim the treatment is a healthy way to reinvigorate the body and offer fruit "flavors" to liven up the experience.

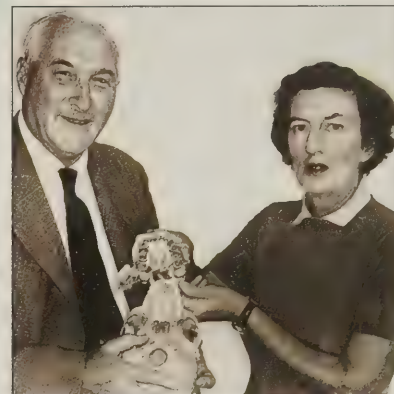


Smithsonian Institution


 The Smithsonian Institution celebrates the 150th anniversary of its founding with a nationwide tour of prize exhibits, including this stovepipe hat worn by Abraham Lincoln.


 Paleoanthropologist Mary Leakey, shown with husband Louis Leakey in a 1959 photograph, dies in December. Discoveries by the Leakeys throughout their careers are some of the most important

in paleoanthropological history. Her greatest discovery was a trail of 3.7-million-year-old footprints, which proved that hominids walked upright far earlier than previously believed.



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 The world's largest flower, the Teian Arum, also known as the "corpse flower," blooms in London's Kew Gardens for the first time since 1963. The flower is nicknamed for its strong stench when in bloom.

 New research suggests that hormone therapies can keep middle-aged men stronger and more youthful. A testosterone-releasing skin patch called Androderm is prescribed by many doctors to supplement the natural hormone.



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Former NFL commissioner Pete Rozelle dies on December 6. Rozelle is credited with transforming professional football into America's top spectator sport, and with inventing the Super Bowl.

Basketball megastar Michael Jordan launches his own cologne: Michael Jordan Cologne. Demand for the fragrance is so high that manufacturer Bijan Frangrances limits sales to 12 bottles per customer.


The ever-present Cindy Crawford releases a book on applying make-up. *Basic Face* enjoys a long run on the best-seller lists.

The National Women's Hall of Fame opens in Seneca Falls, New York, inducting 11 women, including author Louisa May Alcott, and Oveta Culp Hobby, the nation's first female colonel.

Archbishop of Chicago, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin dies of pancreatic cancer in November. Bernardin was known for being a reconciler in churches torn between tradition and modern culture, as well as for speaking out against physician-assisted suicide.


Steven M. Falk, Gamma-Liaison



 Mother Teresa, 1979 Nobel Peace Prize winner, suffers a heart attack in late December. It is the 86-year-old Roman Catholic nun's fourth serious illness in 1996.

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 In April 1996, singer Michael Jackson is seen escorting a woman later identified as Debbie Rowe, an employee of Jackson's plastic surgeon. In November, Jackson announces that he and Rowe are married and that she is carrying his child.



Steve Granitz, R&M



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 "The Late Show" host David Letterman (right), who had been hinting at retirement, re-signs his contract with CBS, keeping him at "The Late Show" through 2002.


 Sarah Ferguson, Duchess of York, and Prince Andrew, Duke of York and son of Great Britain's Queen Elizabeth II, are divorced in May 1996. "Fergie" subsequently goes public with TV appearances and an autobiography.





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 Regis Philbin appears with host Rosie O'Donnell on ABC's "The Rosie O'Donnell Show." The talk show, which premieres in 1996, gains quick popularity and respect.

 Music megastar Madonna gives birth to Lourdes Maria Ciccone Leon, a 6-pound, 9-ounce girl, on October 14. Madonna's big year continues when she wins a Golden Globe for her role in Andrew Lloyd Webber's on-screen rendition of the musical *Evita*.


 In October, TV talk-show host Jenny Jones testifies during the Michigan murder trial of Jonathan Schmitz. Schmitz was accused of killing Scott Amedure, who revealed romantic feelings for Schmitz during a March 1995 taping of a "Jenny Jones Show."

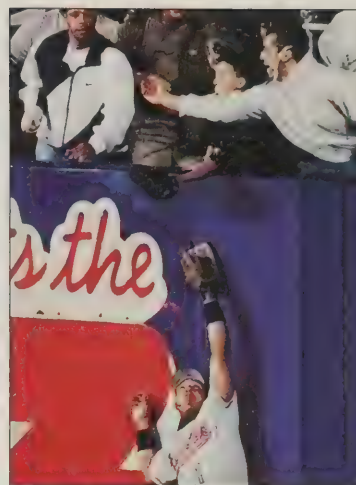


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Stephane Cardinale, Sygma

 In a small, secret ceremony on an island off the coast of Georgia, John F. Kennedy Jr. marries Carolyn Bessette, a Calvin Klein publicist, in September. Kennedy, who dated Bessette for two years, had long been considered one of the world's most eligible bachelors.




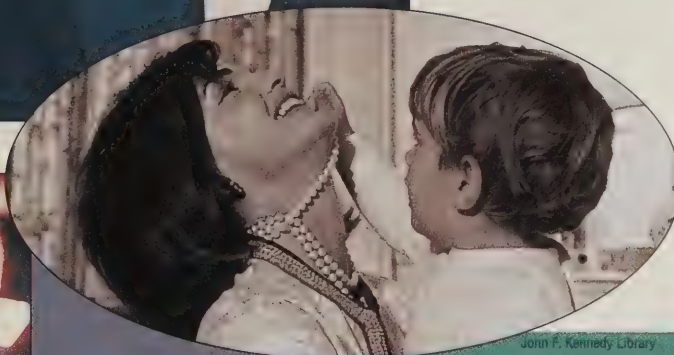
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 New York Yankees fan Jeffrey Maier interferes with a fly ball during game one of the American League Championship Series on October 9. The hit is ruled a home run, tying the game 4 to 4 in the eighth inning and making Maier New York's hero for a day.




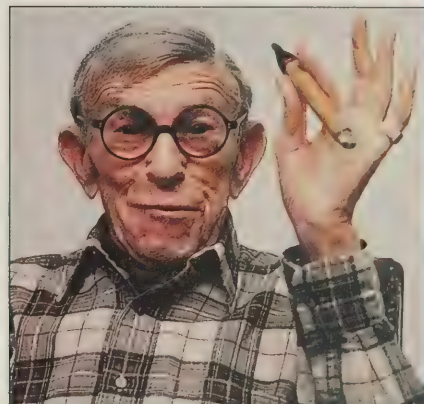
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 Legendary heavyweight boxer Muhammad Ali is the final athlete to bear the Olympic torch, lighting the Olympic flame at the opening of the Centennial Summer Olympics in Atlanta on July 19.




John F. Kennedy Library

 More than 4,000 items owned by former First Lady Jacquelyn Kennedy Onassis and President John F. Kennedy are auctioned off in April 1996, including a necklace of simulated pearls shown in this 1962 photograph. The fake pearls, valued at \$500 to \$700, sell for \$211,500, bringing the auction total to \$34.5 million.



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 Veteran comedian George Burns dies in March 1996, just weeks after reaching the age of 100. The legendary Burns won an Oscar, an Emmy and a Grammy Award in an illustrious career dating back to vaudeville.





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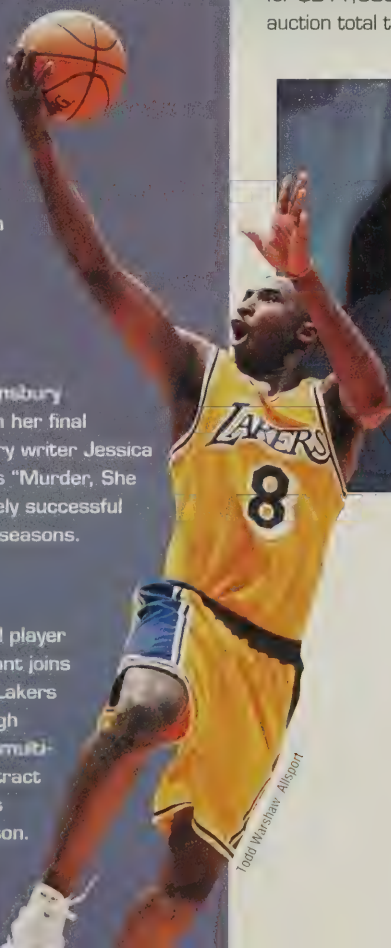
 Miss Kansas Tara Dawn Holland is crowned Miss America at the 1996 pageant on September 14.



Universal City from Shooting Star

 Angela Lansbury appears in her final season as mystery writer Jessica Fletcher on CBS's "Murder, She Wrote." The hugely successful show ran for 12 seasons.


 Basketball player Kobe Bryant joins the Los Angeles Lakers straight out of high school, signing a multi-million dollar contract during the team's 1996-1997 season.



Tom Warshaw - Allsport



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 As a stand against the invasion of his privacy, George Clooney, star of NBC's "ER," boycotts Paramount's "Entertainment Tonight" after its sister show "Hard Copy" runs unauthorized footage of the actor's private life.

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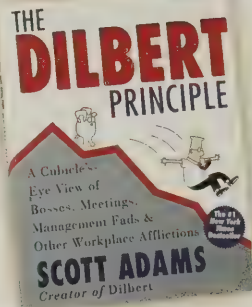
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Tom Cruise stars in *Jerry Maguire*, a romantic comedy about a sports agent who decides to change his shallow ways, and spends the rest of the movie trying to regain his success. It is a breakthrough role for Cruise, who is normally depicted as a cocky winner.

To honor the 20th anniversary of its release, producer George Lucas issues a "remade" *Star Wars*, with new scenes, computerized special effects and souped-up animation. Lucas' grand plan calls for a nine-film cycle, including prequels.

English actor/director Kenneth Branagh plays Hamlet in his star-studded remake of Shakespeare's classic. Despite running four hours, the movie is a critical and box-office success.

NBC's Thursday night drama "ER" features television's first HIV-positive prominent character. Jeanie Boulet, a physician's assistant played by Gloria Reuben, is relatively open about her condition and helps confront the stigma of AIDS.

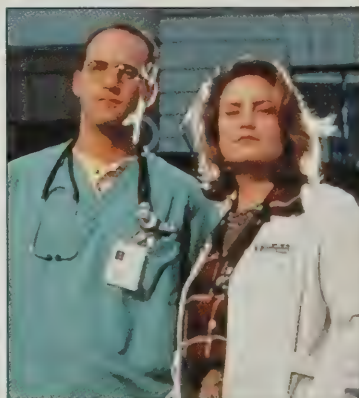


Scott Adams' *Dilbert*, the comic strip about office politics, captures the nation's imagination. In book form, *The Dilbert Principle* becomes a national best-seller.

20th Century Fox from Shooting Star



Actors Winona Ryder and Daniel Day-Lewis star in *The Crucible*, which opens in December. The screen adaption of Arthur Miller's famous play about the Salem witch trials is written by Arthur Miller himself.



Sherry Stringfield, Dr. Susan Lewis on NBC's "ER," leaves the show at the peak of her character's popularity. In her final episode, when Dr. Mark Greene, played by Anthony Edwards, declares his love for Susan, the show gamers its highest ratings ever.



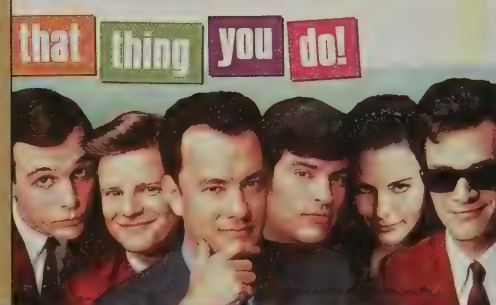
Paramount Pictures from Kobal

Patrick Stewart (left) and Brent Spiner (right) star in *Star Trek: First Contact*, a movie featuring characters from the TV show "Star Trek: The Next Generation."

Drew Carey (left) finds TV stardom during the second season of ABC's "The Drew Carey Show," a early no-com about working-class characters in Cleveland, Ohio.



Warner Bros. TV from Shooting Star



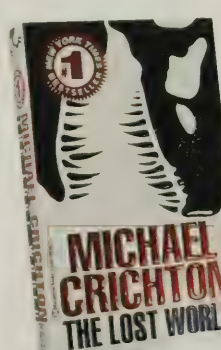
20th Century Fox from Shooting Star

Academy Award-winning actor Tom Hanks' first effort at directing receives critical praise when *That Thing You Do!*, a movie about the meteoric rise and fall of a 1960s rock band, opens in October.

Model Brooke Shields (center) moves to television in NBC's "Suddenly Susan," a sit-com premiering in September. Shields plays a columnist opposite magazine editor Judd Nelson (far right).



NBC from Shooting Star



Author Michael Crichton publishes *The Lost World*, a sequel to *Jurassic Park*, the colossal novel and movie. The new book promises to generate just as much hype, with a movie already in the works.



20th Century Fox from Shooting Star



Warner Bros. from Koba

Explosive special effects rivet audiences to their seats as they watch *Independence Day*, one of summer's blockbuster movies.

Bugs Bunny and Chicago Bulls basketball star Michael Jordan share top billing in *Space Jam*, a partially animated feature film that opens in late November.



20th Century Fox from Shooting Star

In September, Leonardo DiCaprio and Claire Danes star as the classic star-crossed lovers in the film *Romeo and Juliet*.



Tom Cruise stars in *Mission: Impossible*, based on the 1960s and '70s television series of the same name. Despite critical put-downs, the movie is a huge box-office hit.



NBC from Shooting Star

John Lithgow (front right) earns both an Emmy and a Golden Globe Award for Best Actor in a Comedy Series in NBC's "3rd Rock From the Sun," a sit-com about a family of aliens living in contemporary America.

Actors Brad Pitt (left) and Jason Patric star in *Sleepers*, a film about four men and their extraordinary scheme to revenge the abuse they experienced as boys. The controversial movie also stars Dustin Hoffman, Robert De Niro and Kevin Bacon.



Warner Bros. from Koba



CBS from Shooting Star

America's favorite sit-com father, Bill Cosby, enjoys the success of his new CBS show, "Cosby." In January 1997, however, tragedy strikes as Cosby's son Ennis is killed in Los Angeles in an apparent random robbery.



Ron Batzdorff from Shooting Star

Stars Bill Paxton and Helen Hunt flee a tornado of awesome proportions in *Twister*, another summer blockbuster, which tells the story of storm chasers highly devoted to studying the inner workings of tornadoes.

Michael J. Fox returns to television in September as a deputy mayor in ABC's "Spin City," a sit-com about the inner workings of New York's City Hall.



Dream Works SKG from Shooting Star

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Folk and blues artist Tracy Chapman returns to the scene in 1996 with the single "Give Me One Reason." Chapman receives five Grammy nominations in January 1997.

The artist formerly known as Prince releases *Emancipation*, a three-hour, three-CD album, in honor of his release from his Warner Bros. recording contract.

Guitarist Slash of Guns N' Roses forms his own band. His new group, Slash's Blues Ball, is a six-man blues band grounded in the blues-based hard rock of the 1970s.

Rocker Sheryl Crow joins the ranks of musicians who have had their albums banned from Wal-Mart. The retail giant objects to a lyric alleging that kids kill each other with guns they obtained from the store.



The Beatles' *Anthology 3*, the third and final album from the reunited remaining members of the band, is released in November. Following the example of their two previous anthologies, *Anthology 3* sells in record numbers.

Gary Malerba, LGI



Kiss bass guitarist Gene Simmons strikes a familiar pose as the band kicks off a reunion tour with a June 28 concert in Detroit. The tour marks the first time the original members of the band perform together since 1979.



Tim Mosentfelder, LGI

Canadian pop artist Celine Dion tops the charts in 1996 with the album *Falling Into You*, which sells more than 16 million copies worldwide.



Kipa, LGI

British pop superstars Liam (left) and Noel Gallagher cancel the remainder of a U.S. concert tour in September amid rumors that their band, Oasis, is breaking up. Denying the reports, the brothers announce they will release a new album in the summer of 1997.

Alternative-rock band Nirvana releases a new album, *From the Muddy Banks of the Wishkah*, in October. The album contains 17 live tracks recorded between 1989 and the 1994 suicide of singer Kurt Cobain (right).

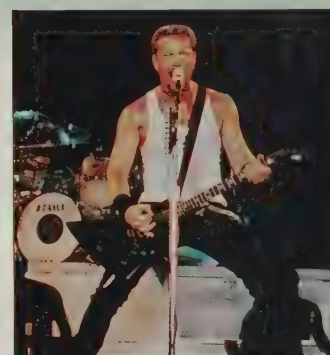


Jane Huntington, LGI



Steve Jennings, LGI

Bush, a British rock group with an American "grunge" sound, tours the U.S. to promote their album *Sixteen Stone*. They release another chart-topping album, *Razorblade Suitcase*, in the winter.



Heavy metal band Metallica is the headlining act for the summer concert Lollapalooza, traditionally an alternative-rock show. Metallica remains high-profile, winning an MTV award for the year's Best Hard Rock Video in September.



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After 10 years of separation, members of the band Van Halen are reunited with their former lead singer, David Lee Roth (right), at the MTV Video Music Awards in September. Roth later claims he thought he was rejoining the band, who chose a different lead singer.



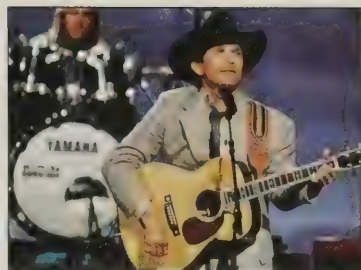
Steve Jennings, LGI



No Doubt, fronted by lead singer Gwen Stefani, releases *Tragic Kingdom*, which includes such chart-toppers as "Just a Girl," "Spiderwebs," and "Don't Speak."



Counting Crows' second album, *Recovering the Satellites*, is released in October. The long awaited follow-up to 1993's *August and Everything After* debuts at number one on the charts.



Adele Starr, LGI



George Strait is honored by the Country Music Association in October with three major awards—Single of the Year for "Check Yes or No," Album of the Year for *Clear Blue Sky*, and Male Vocalist of the Year.



Tim Mosenfelder, LGI



The hit single "Where It's At" kicks off the new Beck album *Odelay*, which is released to popular and critical acclaim. *Spin* magazine awards Beck Artist of the Year.



Mike Hashimoto/NGI from LGI



Lisa Leone, LGI



Toni Braxton's second album, *Secrets*, is released in summer 1996. Braxton wins R&B Single of the Year for "Let It Flow" at the *Billboard* Music Awards in the fall.



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Alanis Morissette's *Jagged Little Pill* reigns the charts, becoming the all-time top-selling album by a female artist. Morissette also dominates the 1996 Grammys by winning four awards, including Best Album.



Death Row Records co-founder Dr. Dre, often dubbed the "godfather of 'gangsta' rap," begins distancing himself from hard-core rap. "Given There, Done This," his break-away anthem, premieres on MTV in September.



R.E.M.'s 12th album, *New Adventures in Hi-Fi*, the group's first recording since 1994's *Monster*, is released by Warner Bros. in September.



The Wallflowers, with Jakob Dylan, son of legendary folk artist Bob Dylan, release *Bringing Down the Horse*, which features hit singles "One Headlight" and "6th Avenue Heartache."



Fourteen-year-old singing sensation LeAnn Rimes is nominated for the Country Music Association's Horizon Award after the breakthrough success of her single "Blue." The popular new star is often compared to country music legend Patsy Cline.



The music world is stunned in September by the death of rapper Tupac Shakur, killed in a drive-by shooting in Las Vegas. Speculations as to the killer's motive abound, but the year ends with no answers and no arrests.



James L. Lance, LGI



Beck, LGI

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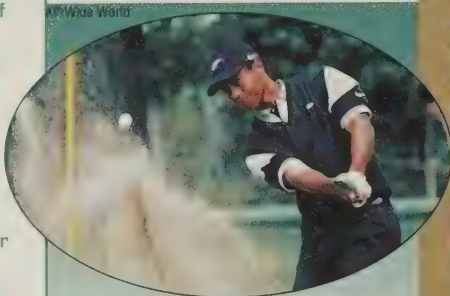
Tennis pro Pete Sampras wins the eighth grand-slam title of his career at the U.S. Open in September. Steffi Graf wins the U.S. Open Women's title, beating Monica Seles.

Pro boxer Mike Tyson loses his Heavyweight Champion of the World title to Evander Holyfield in a November match. Holyfield, a former two-time world champion, reclaims his title in the surprise win.

Chicago Bulls star Dennis Rodman furthers his controversial reputation by kicking a photographer in the groin during a game against the Minnesota Timberwolves in January 1997. Rodman is suspended for up to 11 games without pay, costing him more than \$1 million, in addition to a \$25,000 fine to the NBA, as well as a reported \$200,000 settlement with the photographer.

Baltimore Orioles second baseman Roberto Alomar is suspended for five games, deferred to the 1997 season, when he spits on an umpire during a heated argument over a questionable call in the National League play-offs. Controversy ensues over the leniency of the punishment.

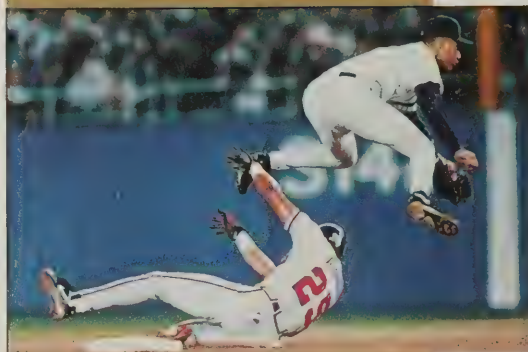
Team USA wins the World Cup of Hockey, beating Canada 5-2 in the final. Eight teams from Canada, Europe and the U.S. participate in the World Cup, which replaced the Canada Cup.



Twenty-year-old golfing phenom Eldrick "Tiger" Woods turns pro in August, making the transition from exceptional amateur golfer to well-endorsed professional, including a deal with Nike worth an estimated \$40 million.

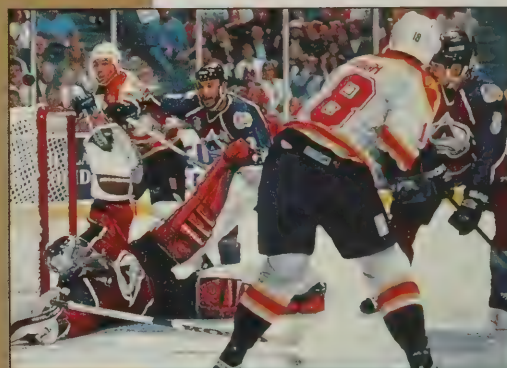


Craig James, Allsport

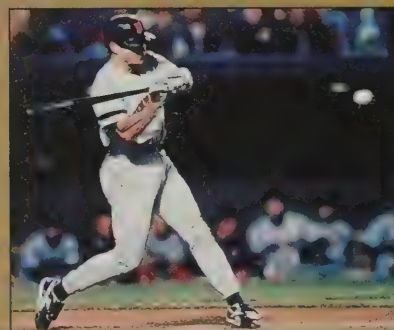


Al Bello, Allsport

In June, the Colorado Avalanche beat the Florida Panthers in the NHL Stanley Cup playoffs. The final game in the series remained scoreless until 1:05 a.m., when the Avalanche finally score the winning goal in the third overtime period.



Al Bello, Allsport



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Race car driver Terry Labonte wins NASCAR's Winston Cup championship with a total of 4,657 points after finishing fifth in the final race, the Napa 500, at the Atlanta Motor Speedway.

Led by quarterback Brett Favre, the Green Bay Packers beat the New England Patriots 35-21 in Super Bowl XXXI at the Louisiana Superdome. It is the Packers' first Super Bowl since 1968.





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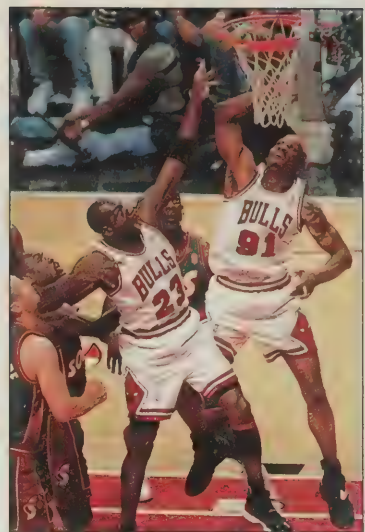
The New York Yankees win the World Series, beating the Atlanta Braves in a four-game sweep, after losing the first two games. It is the first series title for the Yankees since 1978.


Paul Molitor of the Minnesota Twins becomes the 21st player in major league history to reach 3,000 career hits. The milestone is reached in September, when Molitor triples against Kansas City Royals rookie pitcher Jose Rosado.



 The U.S. women's gymnastics team takes the gold at the Summer Olympics. Kerri Strug, second from right, is the heroine of the competition, landing her final vault despite a dislocated left ankle.

 U.S. swimmer Amy Van Dyken wins the women's 100-meter butterfly event at the Olympic Games with a time of 59.13 seconds. Van Dyken wins a total of four golds.




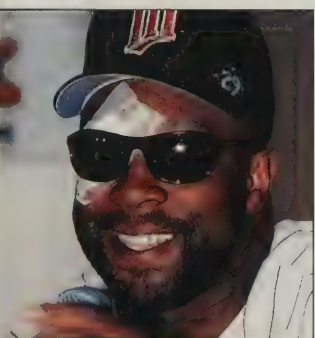
 The Chicago Bulls win their fourth NBA championship in six years as they defeat the Seattle SuperSonics in game six of the NBA finals on June 16.


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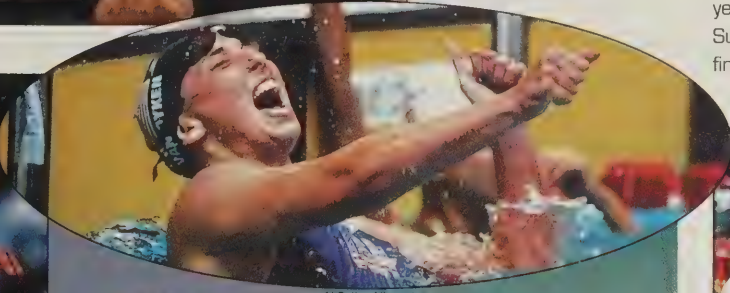


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
 Olympic swimmer Tom Dolan captures another gold for the U.S. as he wins the 400-meter individual medley on July 21. Dolan wins with a time of 4:14.90.




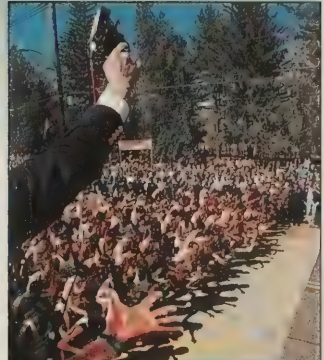
 Minnesota Twins star centerfielder Kirby Puckett announces his retirement from baseball in July. A serious eye ailment forces Puckett to give up the game, but he manages to maintain his upbeat attitude at press conferences and interviews.



Al Bello, Allsport

 U.S. Olympian Dan O'Brien racks up 8,824 points to take the gold medal in the decathlon, a grueling, 10-event track-and-field competition.


 April 1996 marks the 100th running of the Boston Marathon. More than 38,000 contenders participate.

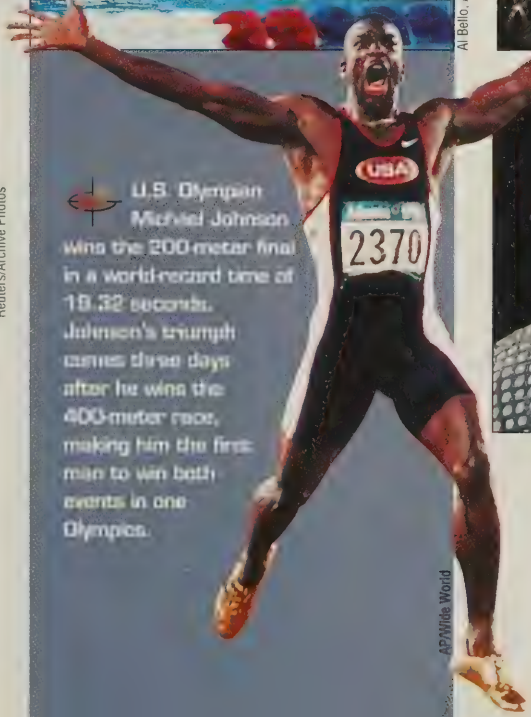


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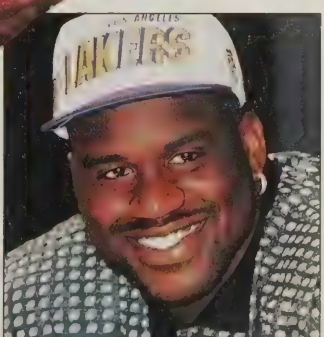


Al Bello, Allsport


 U.S. Olympian Michael Johnson wins the 200-meter final in a world-record time of 19.32 seconds. Johnson's triumph comes three days after he wins the 400-meter race, making him the first man to win both events in one Olympics.



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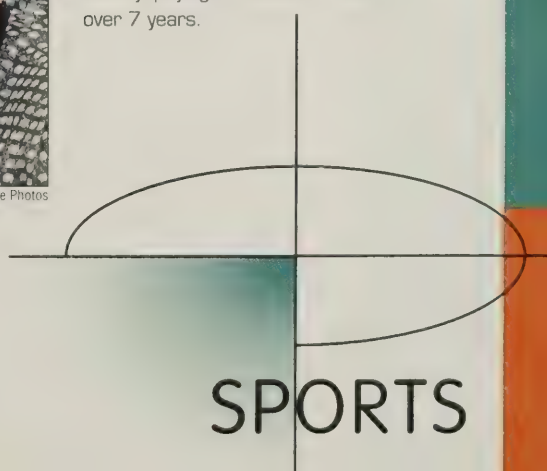
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 Jean Driscoll (front right) of the U.S. takes the silver in the women's 800-meter wheelchair race, a demonstration sport, at the Summer Olympics. Driscoll, seven-time winner of the Boston Marathon, retires at the end of 1996, after setting several world records during her career.



AP/Wide World

 Basketball star Shaquille O'Neal jumps from the Orlando Magic to the Los Angeles Lakers in July. The deal is the richest in NBA history, paying O'Neal \$120 million over 7 years.



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Helping consumers maintain privacy, marketers promote home AIDS tests. Consumers draw their own blood and then send it away to be tested confidentially.

Advancing technology means more options on telephones, including Caller ID, which becomes more common than ever in 1996. The display unit allows people to see the name and number of their caller before even answering the phone.

Authors Ellen Fein and Sherrie Schneider release *The Rules*, a controversial manual teaching women strategies for getting a man to propose marriage. While the book draws criticism from both sexes, it is a best-seller.

The U.S. Postal Service issues stamps commemorating Hanukkah, the first non-Christian religious holiday ever featured on a stamp.

Casual Fridays become more and more widespread in American work culture. Businesses allow employees who normally dress in professional clothing at work to wear more comfortable, casual clothing on Fridays.



A "Sesame Street" stuffed toy causes panic among holiday shoppers. Tickle Me Elmo sells out in stores nationwide, and has shoppers fighting over scarce inventory and paying hundreds of times the toy's value.

My Twinn Doll Company



The My Twinn Doll Company offers individually crafted dolls that replicate, from a photo, the eye color, hair and facial features of a living girl. Each doll comes with two matching outfits, one for the doll and one for the owner.

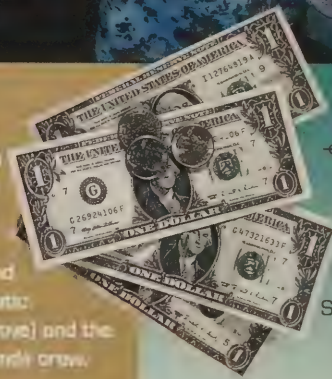


Nail polish colors get darker and funkier. Deep browns and blues are popular forms of expression and style.

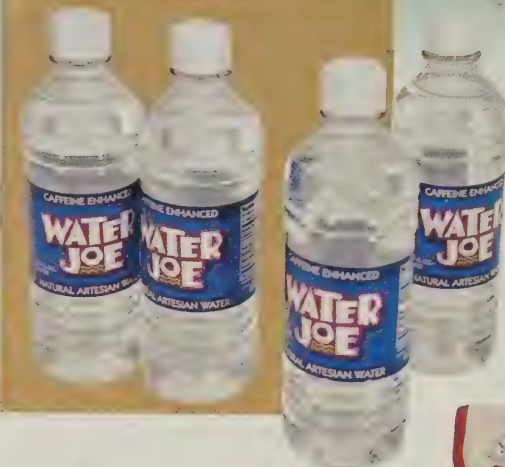


Monica Almeida, NY1 Pictures

The ongoing line dance is the "Miss America" line dance. People of all ages participate in the dance, including Olympians, delegates and workers of the Democratic National Convention (above) and the New York Yankees grounds crew.



The minimum wage is raised to \$4.75 in October, and will increase again to \$5.15, effective September 1, 1997.



The beverage industry introduces a new concept—bottled water with caffeine! One bottle of the uncarbonated water contains as much caffeine as one cup of coffee.

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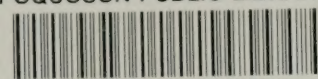
Dalmatians inspires an avalanche of promotional merchandise, filling stores with spotted toys, backpacks, games and other odds and ends.



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